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A New
METHOD

OF

Catechizing,

By Way of

QUESTIONS

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Church Catechism:

TOGETHER

With Directions all along for
inculcating into Children the
Fundamental Principles of
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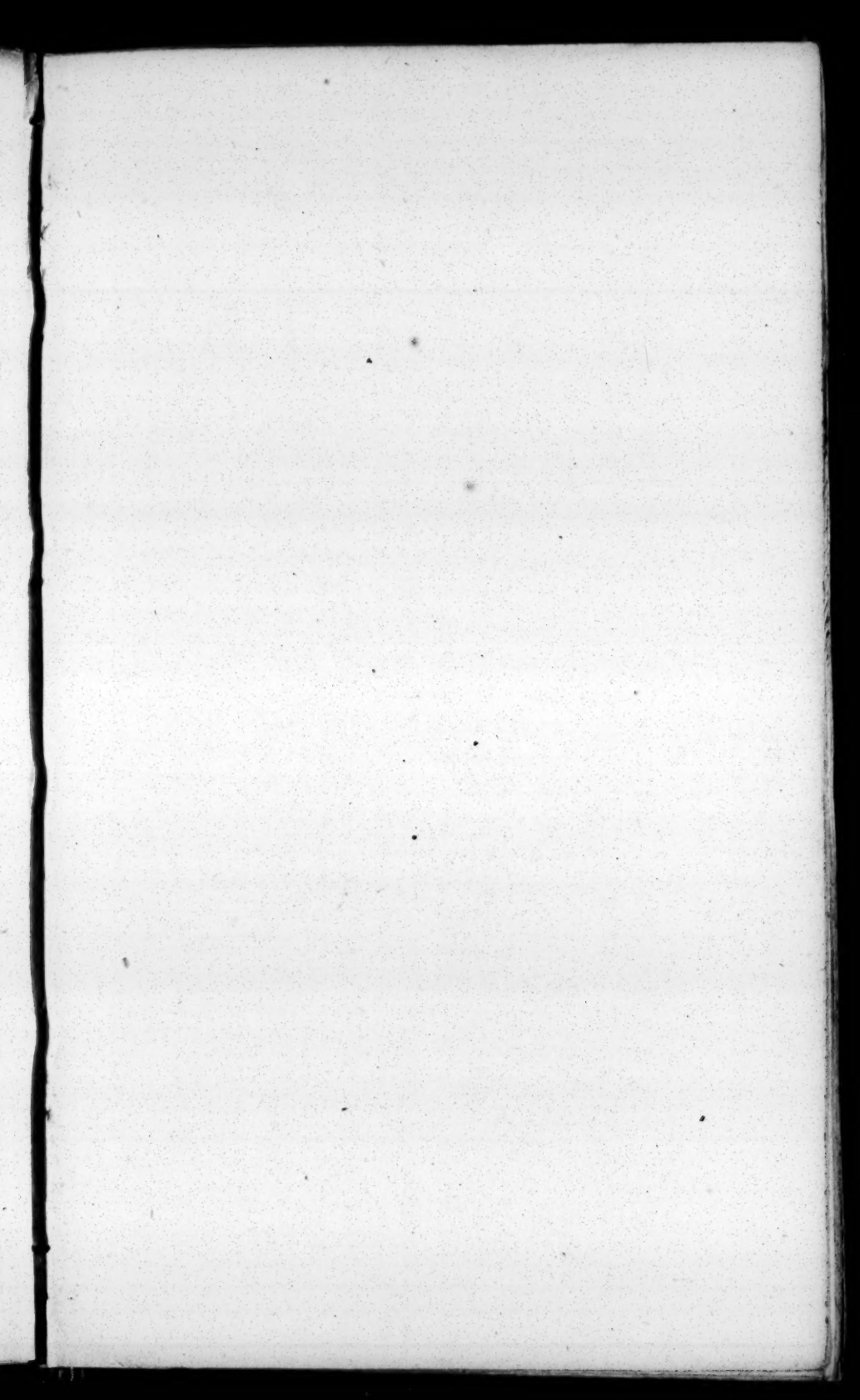
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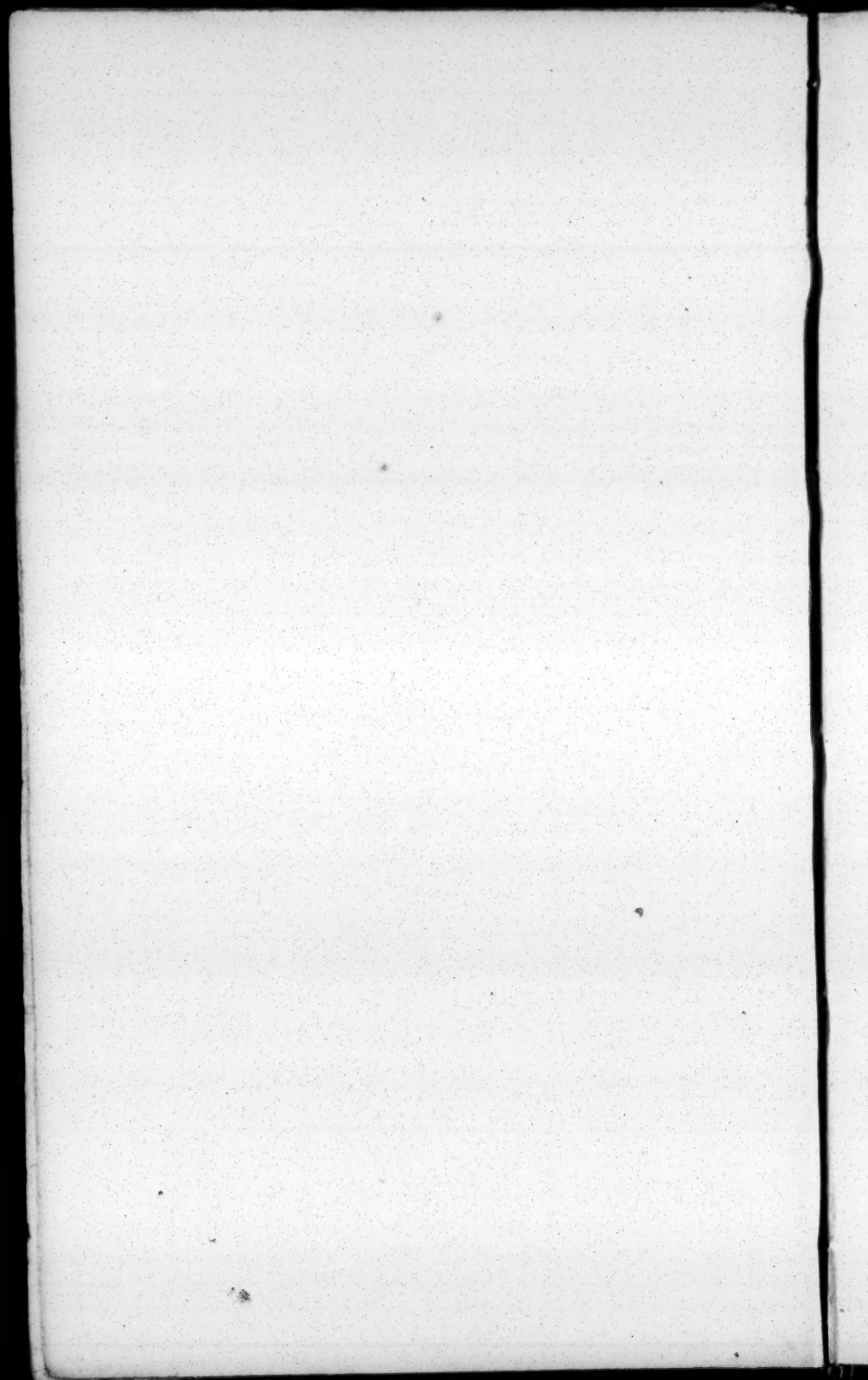
QUESTIONS



With Instructions and Questions
for the use of Children in
the Museum of Natural History
and the Museum of Art and Mineralogy

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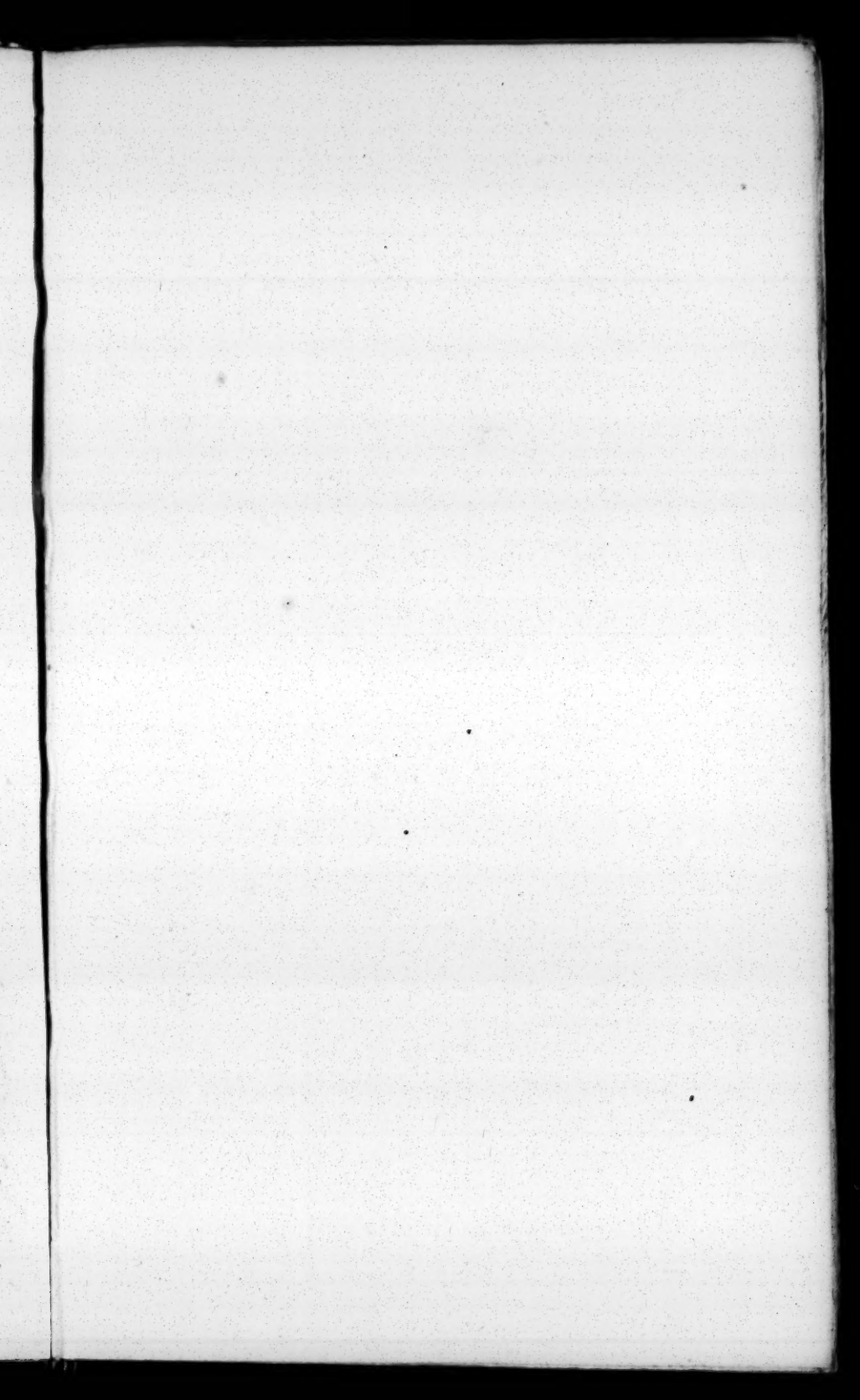


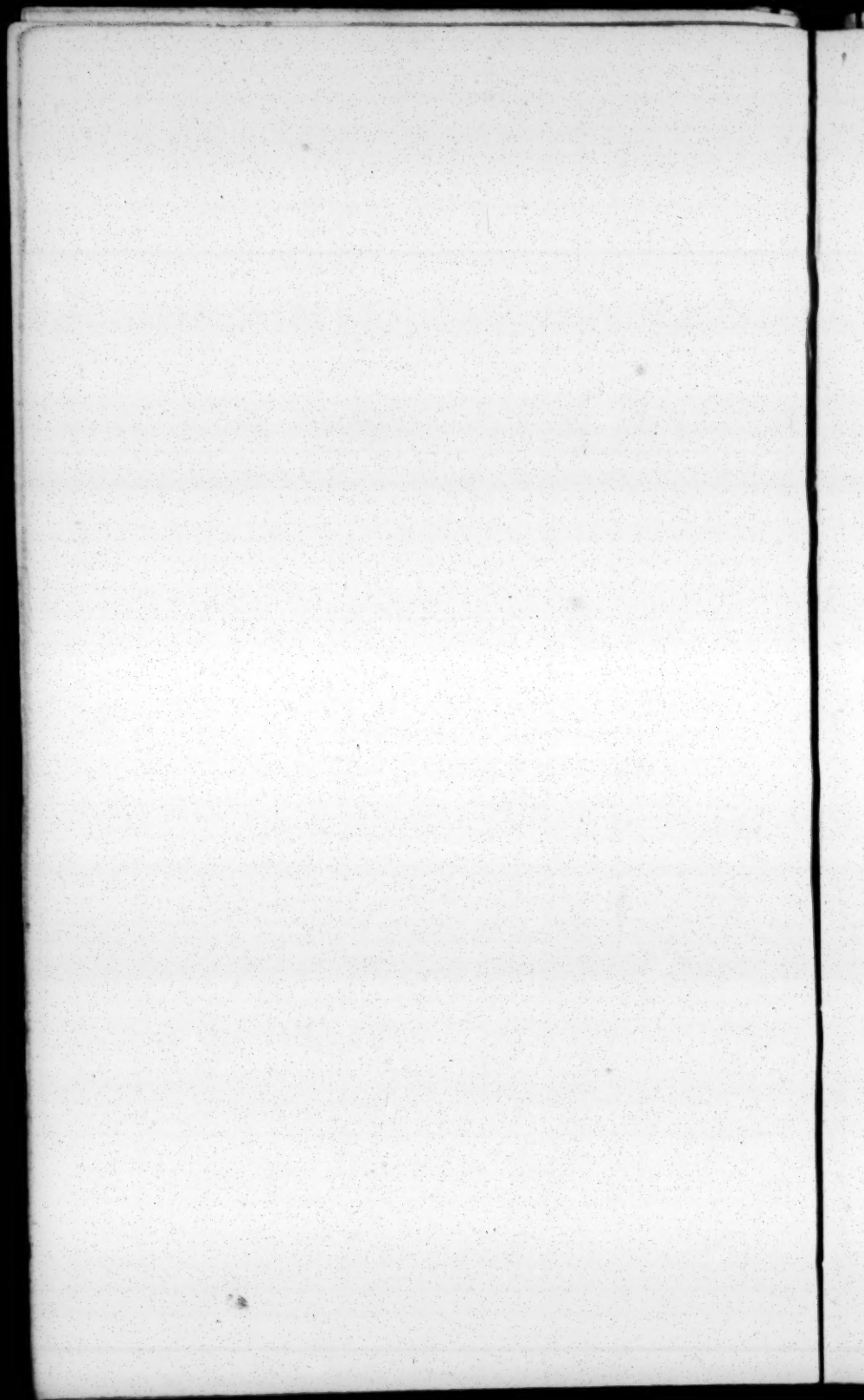
T H E P R E F A C E.

THE Catechist is desired to observe, that the Answer to every Question herein demanded, is either to be gathered from the Answers of the Church Catechism to the general Question they are upon; or else it is couch'd in the ensuing Answers; or the Instructor is directed to explain upon it. And if now and then a Question be ask'd which cannot be resolved any of these Ways, (which is very seldom) the Answers to it is so very obvious, that the Children themselves may know how to make it: Or however, the meanest Instructor will not be at a loss to direct them to do it. It is farther to be observed, that this Method is not so intended, as that they should confine themselves strictly to every Question, and the manner of Expression; for the Catechist is at Liberty to vary the Questions, and to ask others, according to the Capacity of the Children, and may leave out such of these as he sees unnecessary. And indeed, many of them will be superseded and become uselefs now and then by the Answer to the foregoing Question. But it is believed, there will be Occasion to ask most Children the plainest of these Questions, especially at their

first Instruction. But the main Design of this Method is, that the Instructor may enlarge upon every Point extemporary in a familiar manner, which he will find to be of great use to command the Attention, raise the Affections, and instil the Knowledge of Religion more effectually into Youth, and sooner perhaps than in any other way. Childrens tender and unfixed Minds, must have religious Notions frequently and several Ways taught them, before they will apprehend their Instructor, and take the Notion. And all the moving Considerations of Religion must often be urg'd and press'd upon them before a true Concern for their Souls, and a religious Disposition will be begot in them. All which it is the Design of this plain Method to perform. If the Catechist consult Bp. Beveridge's Exposition, I believe he may find it helpful to him in his extemporary Enlargements, and more especially because he will find my Directions more agreeable to his Way and Manner of Expression, than to any others that have writ upon the Catechism.

There has of late been divers useful Expositions of the Catechism published; such are those of the Bishops of Salisbury and Chichester, Mr. Harrison, that called, The Art of Catechizing, &c. These, if the Catechist thinks fit to furnish himself with, may be very helpful to him in his extempore Enlargements; for by comparing them together, he will find the same divine Truths represented in a different View, and some Things taken notice of by one Expositor, which are omitted by another.





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SECTION I.

Quest. *WHAT is your Name*

Q. Who gave you that Name ?

What is it that you say your God-fathers and Godmothers did ?

When did they give you that Name ?

Do you know what being Baptized is ?

When was you Christen'd, or made a Christian ?

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How

How was you Christen'd ? After what manner was it ?

Here make the Child know that he was brought to the Font, (or however elsewhere) and was by the Minister sprinkled with Water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Whereupon it may be asked :

In the Name of whom was you Baptized ?

Do you know who the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is ?

Can you tell what being Baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost signifies ?

Let the Child know, that he was given thereby to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and dedicated to God to be his Child and Servant.

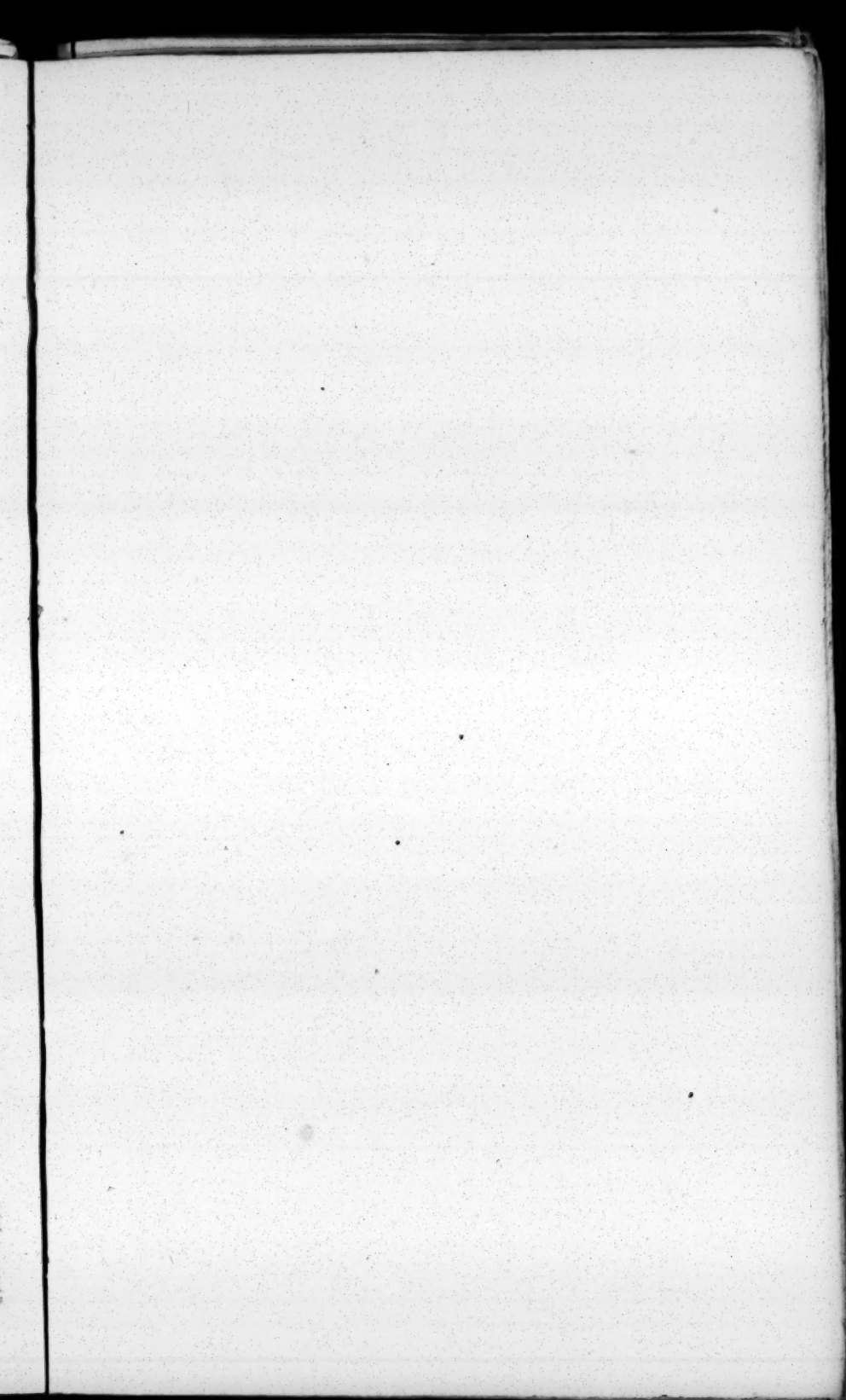
Do you know what Condition you was in before you was Baptized ?

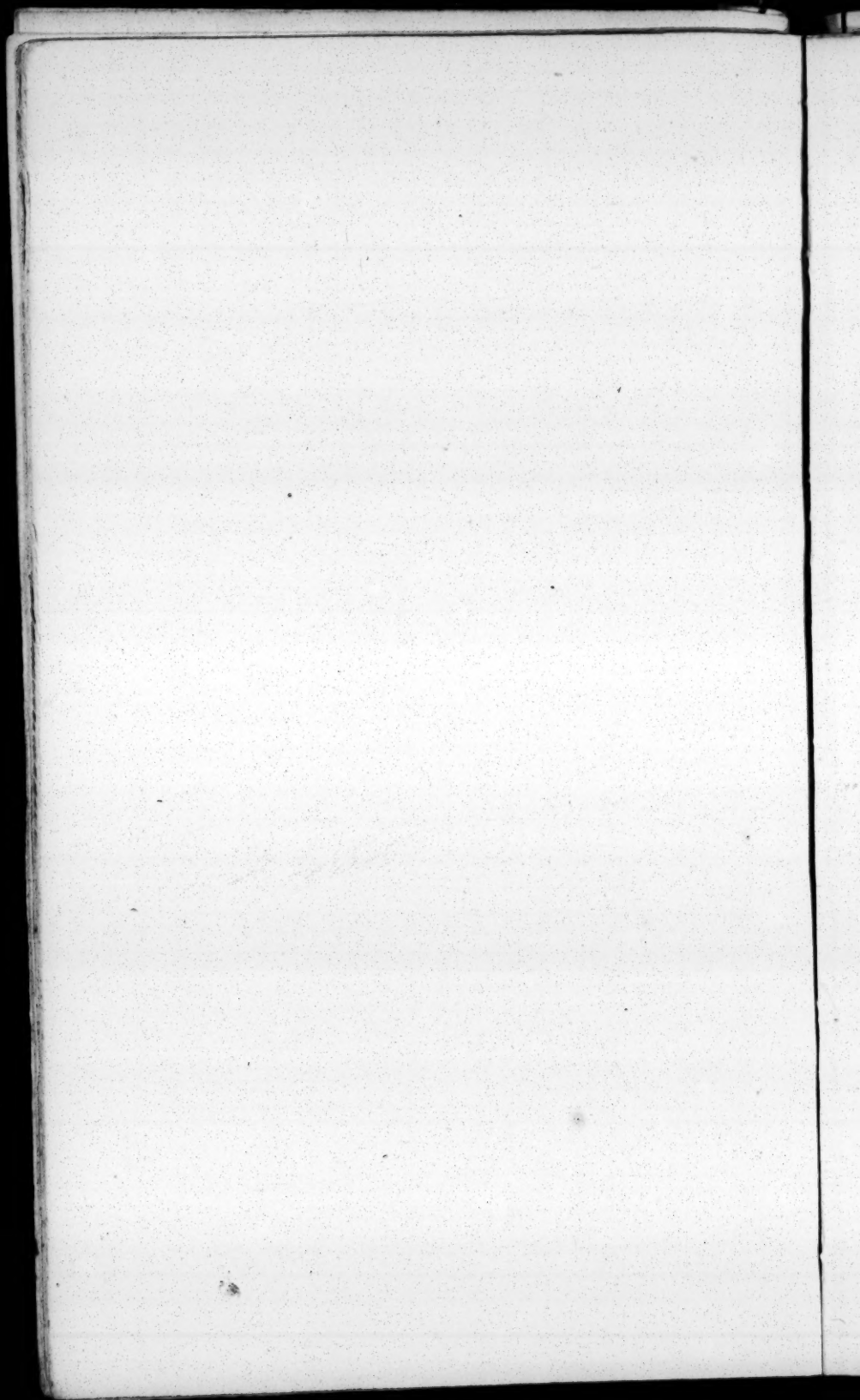
How do you think you came to be by Nature born in Sin, and to lie under the Sentence of God's Wrath ?

Here it may be proper to give an account of the Fall of our Father *Adam*, of the Curse, and original Corruption.

Was you delivered out of this miserable State in Baptism ?

Do you know upon what account it was, that the Father, Son, and Holy





Holy Ghost, was pleas'd to receive and pardon you?

Here let the Catechist give a little Account of our Redemption by the Mediation of the Son of God.

Now what was you made in your Baptism?

When was you made a Member of Christ, a Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Can you tell me what it is to be made a Member of Christ?

Make him to understand that it is to be one of the Church of Christ, a Christian; Christ being as the Head, and Christians as the Members.

Do you know who Christ is?

What Relation do you think the Son of God has to you?

Are you called Christians from Christ your Saviour?

Whose Child was you made in your Baptism?

What is it to be a Child of God, can you tell? How are you God's Child?

Teach him to answer, *I am born of God's Spirit*; and make him understand, that we must be sanctify'd by God's Spirit and Grace, as well as sprinkled with Water, otherwise we cannot become God's Children.

When was you made a Child of God?
Was you not so before?

Put him again in mind, that by Nature
we are born in Sin, and Children of
Wrath.

Of what was you made an Inheri-
tor in your Baptism?

What is meant (think you) by be-
ing made an Inheritor of the King-
dom of Heaven?

When had you a Right and Title
to the Kingdom of Heaven given you?

What do you think Heaven is?

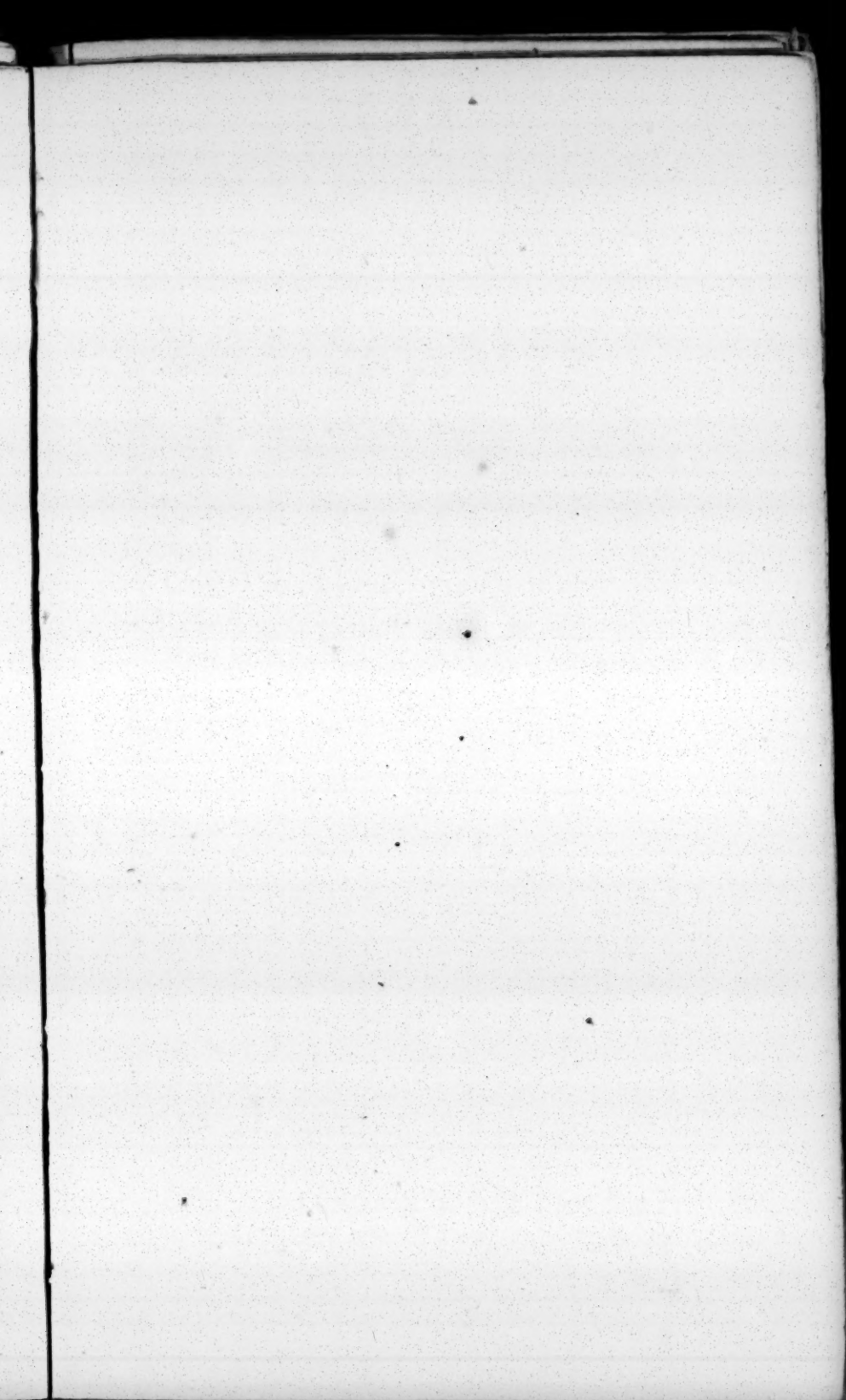
To excite the Child's Affections, give
some Account of the Joys of Heaven.

How came you to have a Right to
all these Things?

Tell him again, that they were made
over to him in his Baptism, and through
the Mediation of Jesus Christ.

Now give me (if you can) the
Substance of all this, what you was
made?

In your Baptism, when you was Chri-
sten'd, you was dedicated to God the Fa-
ther, Son, and Holy Ghost, and made a
Member of Christ's Church, born of God's
Spirit, and made his Child; and had there-
by a Title and Assurance given you of co-
ming to that glorious Place of Joy and Hap-
piness, call'd the Kingdom of Heaven,
where



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where you shall live and reign with Christ,
God's only Son, for ever and ever.

S E C T. II.

Q. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

What did they promise and vow?
Who promised three Things in your Name?

In whose Name did they promise them?

Dost thou know why they are called Godfathers and Godmothers.

Here tell the Child, that they have that Name, because they bring him to his New-Birth to God, as his Father and Mother brought him into the World.

How many Things did your Godfathers and Godmothers promise for you?

When did they promise those three Things?

What is the *first* Thing they promised in your Name?

How many Things are you to renounce?

What are they?

Repeat the *first*.

Dost thou know who the Devil is?

Is there any more than one Devil, think you?

Give

Give the Children an account of the Fallen Angels, and their Malice.

Whose Works are you to renounce ?

What dost thou call the Devil's Works ?

Is all Sin the Work of the Devil ?

The Catechist may tell them, that tho' all Sin in general is the Devil's Work, yet Pride, * Lying, * Murder, Malice, &c. are more especially so.

What mean you by renouncing ?

Let him know, that it is to hate, shun, and to have nothing to do with.

How will you then renounce the Devil and his Works ?

Exhort the Child to hate the Devil, and abhor his Temptations, and not to have the least dealings with him. Acquaint him, that the Devil puts ill Things into our Minds, which we must resist.

What are you to renounce, besides the Devil and his Works ?

Tell me what are the Poms and Vanities of the World ?

Make him understand that they are the Riches, Honours, the Splendor, Bravery, and pompous Shows, the vain and wanton Pastimes and Pleasures which worldly-minded and loose People give themselves to.

It may not be improper to acquaint the Children, why such Things are called Poms and Vanities.

Poms,

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* Jo: 8. 44.

Pomps, because they make a great Show, and appear great and delightful in the Eyes of sinful Men.

Vanities, because they are empty, and cannot give true Satisfaction, but rather disquiet and disturb us.

Do you know what you mean, when you say, you renounce these worldly Delights?

Tell him, he must not set his Heart upon them, and give his Mind wholly to them. Let him know that Christians are Heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven; and therefore ought to set their Affections on Things above, and be careful to please God, not to covet to be Rich and Great here, nor give themselves to Vanity and Pride, and wanton rude Plays and Sports.

Are you to renounce any Thing else, beside the Devil and his Works, and the Pomps and Vanities of the World?

What are the sinful Lusts of the Flesh?

It may be sufficient to tell him, that they are our wicked Inclinations to such Pleasures and Gratifications as are forbidden us by God. And Gluttony, Drunkenness, Uncleanliness, and all immodest and unchaste Acts, are such sinful Lusts.

It will be convenient here to discourse upon the Corruption of humane Nature.

How do you think to renounce the sinful Lusts of the Flesh ?

Make him understand, that our holy Religion does require us not to indulge and humour our vicious Appetites and Desires to Drunkenness, luxurious Living, Whoredom, &c. We are to mortify and keep under our fleshly Lusts, if we would be saved: Rom. 8. 13. *If ye live after the Flesh, ye shall die ; but if ye through the Spirit, do mortify the Deeds of the Body, ye shall live.*

S E C T. III.

What are the Things which your Godfathers and Godmothers promised in your Name ?

What is the FIRST ?

What is the SECOND ?

What is the THIRD ?

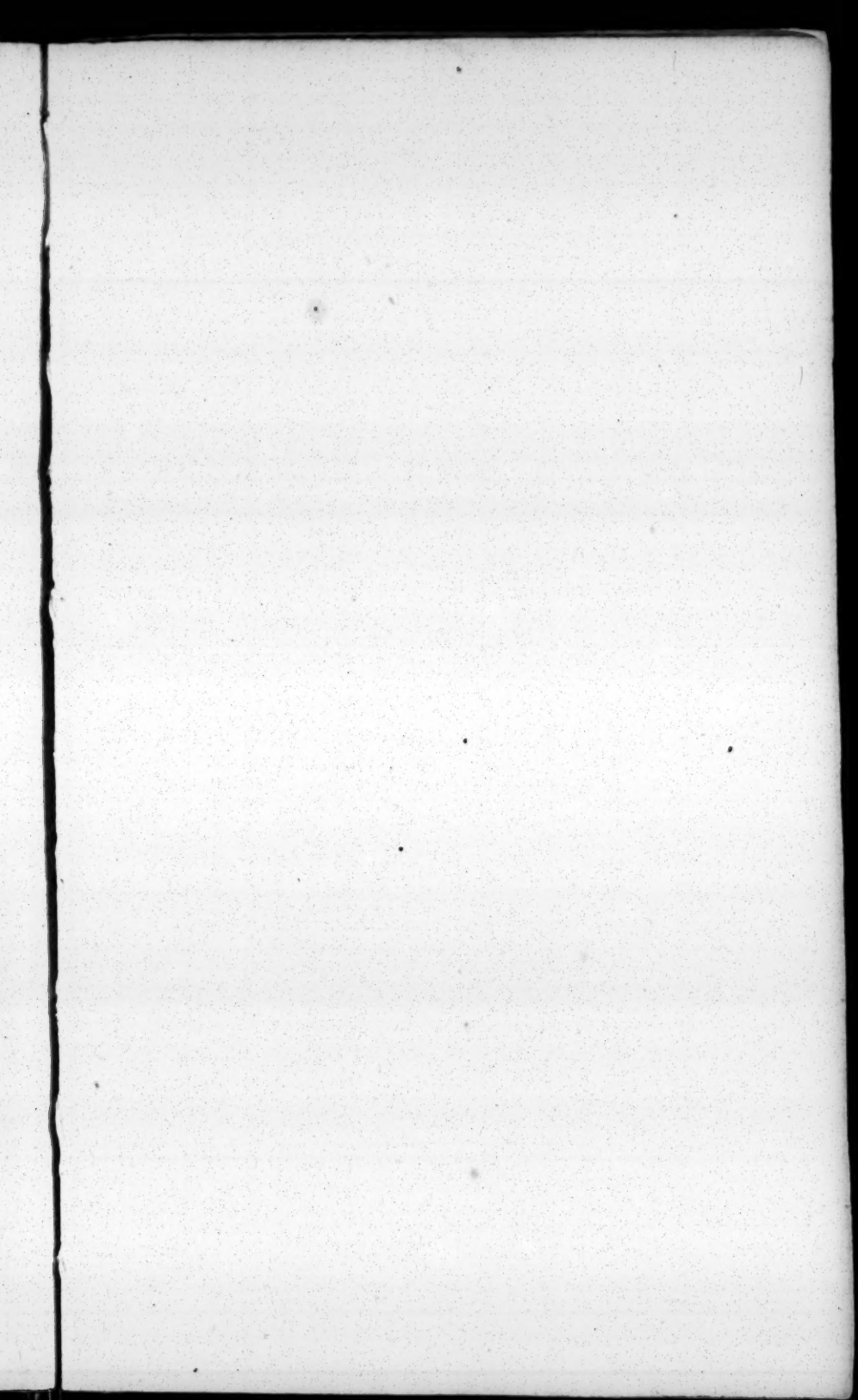
What is the meaning of their promising in your Name ?

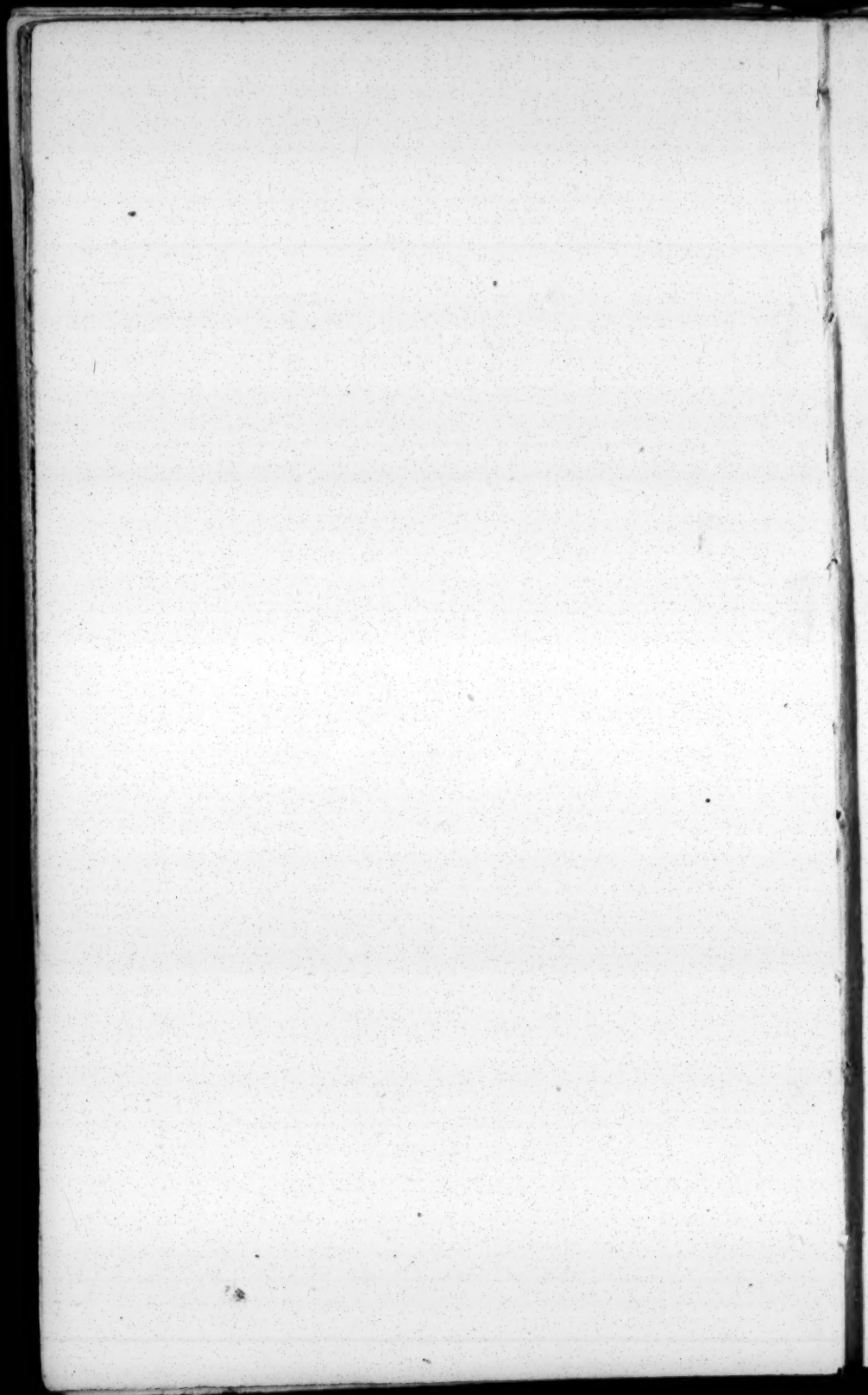
Tell him they engaged, that he should do those Things ; which Promise of theirs he must make good, if he desires to continue a Member of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe and to do as they promised for thee ?

What will you do by God's Help ?

By





By whose Help will you do as your Godfathers and Godmothers promised for you?

Do you think you cannot do it without God's Help?

Here remind the Child of our natural Indisposition to that which is good, and our Inability to do any good Thing of our selves, without the Assistance of God's Holy Spirit.

Whom do you heartily thank?

Who is our Heavenly Father?

For what do you thank God?

What is that State of Salvation which you thank God for calling you unto.

It may suffice, if he declare what he was made in Baptism. Or, tell him again, the miserable Condition of Mankind, through the Fall and original Corruption, and the Goodness of God, who has taken off the Curse, and put us again in a Condition of becoming holy, and eternally happy.

Through whom did your heavenly Father call you to this State of Salvation?

To what did he call you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour?

Who is our Saviour?

Do you know how he was your Saviour?

Let the Children be informed, that Jeſus Chriſt died for our Sins, through whole Merits God's Wrath was pacify'd, and he was pleas'd to put us into this State of Salvation.

**What do you pray unto God for ?
Doſt thou know what God's Grace
is ?**

Make them underſtand, that God's holy Spirit works in us a new Nature and Diſpoſitions ; that He puts good Motions and Deſires into our Hearts, and helps and enables us to overcome the Devil, &c. and to be holy. This is called God's Grace, without which we cannot renounce the Devil, the World, and the Fleſh, and continue in this State of Salvation.

**What do you pray unto God to
give you his Grace to do ?**

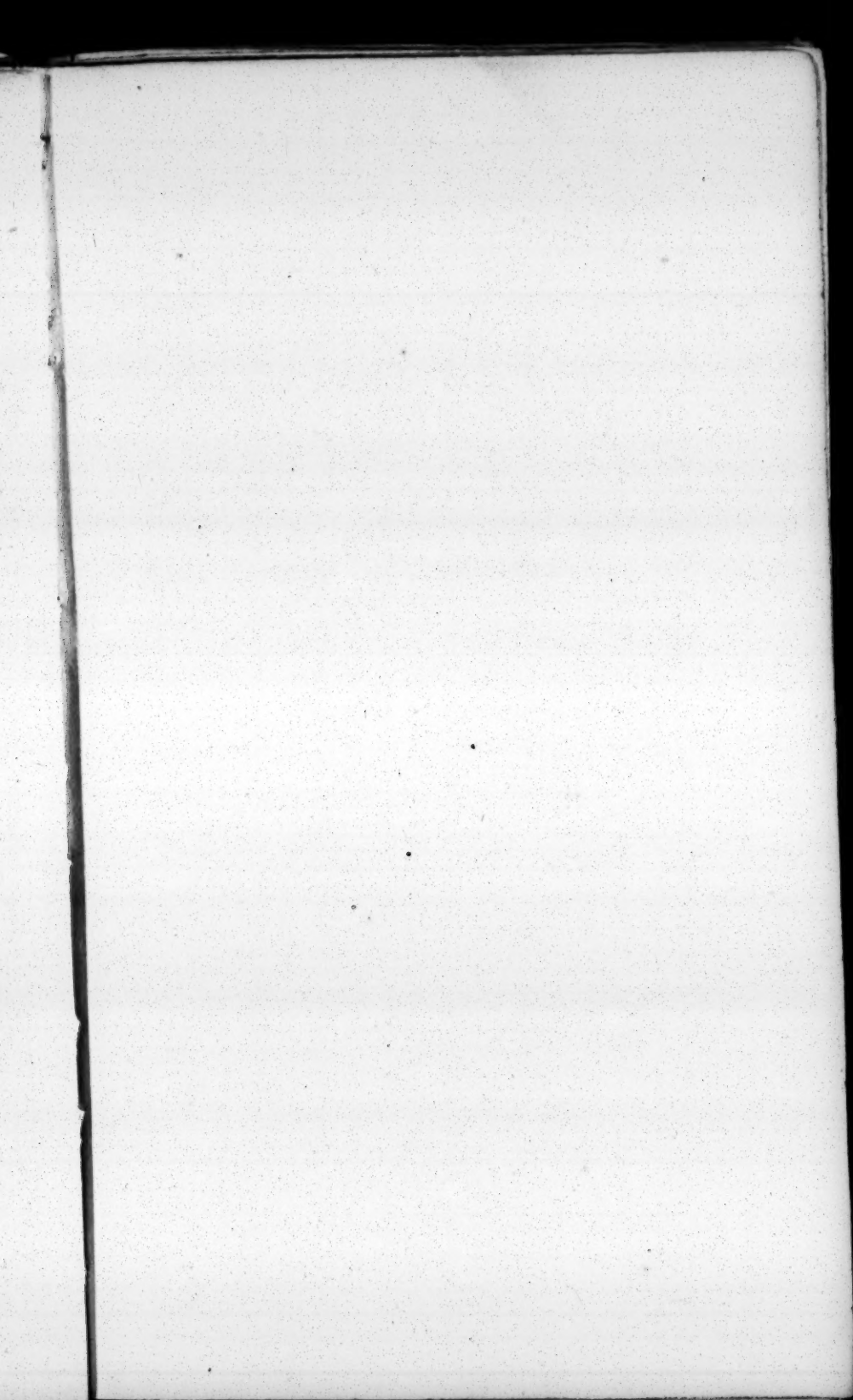
That you may continue in what ?

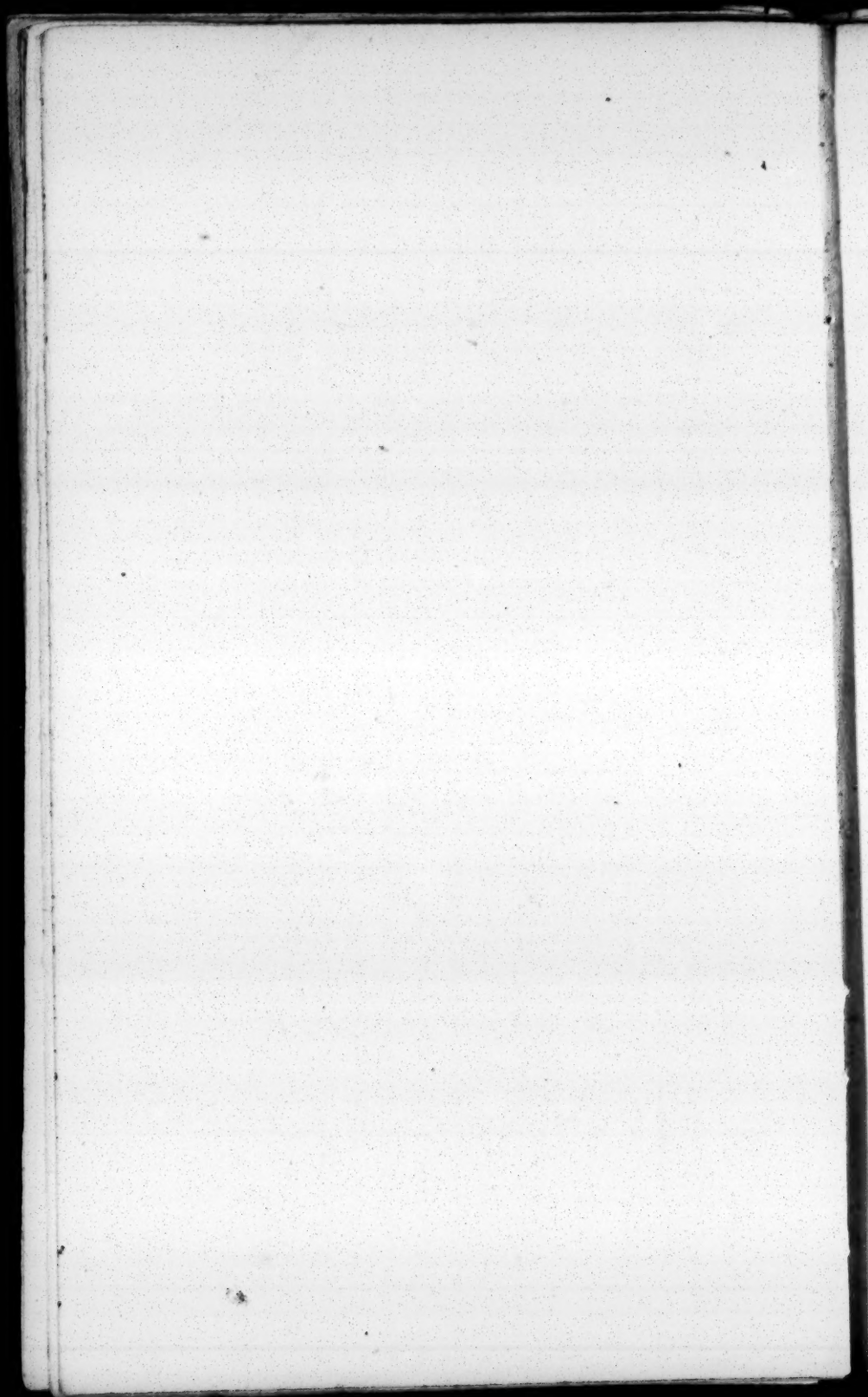
**How long do you pray that you
may continue in that State of Salva-
tion ?**

**Do you know what it is which will
put you out of this State of Salvation ?**

**Doſt thou then reſolve to believe
and do as your Godfathers and God-
mothers promiſed you ſhould ?**

Here charge the Child to give it ſelf to good Things, to regard Inſtruction, love his Book, and to ſay his Prayers, &c.





S E C T. IV.

What is the *Second Thing* your Godfathers and Godmothers promis'd in your Name?

That you should believe what?

Where have you those Articles?

Do you know why it is call'd Belief?

It begins with, *I Believe*, and contains Things to be believed.

Q. Say your Belief.

Dost thou believe all those Things to be true?

Why do you believe them?

Why do you (think you) believe what is told us in the Bible?

The Bible is the Word of God.

Whom do you first believe in?

A R T I C L E I.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Who do you believe in?

Who is the Father Almighty?

Who is Almighty?

Can you tell what Almighty means?

Who governs all things, and does whatsoever he pleases? Who

Who is Maker of Heaven and Earth ?

What did God make ?

Who do you think made you and me ? &c.

Of what did God make Heaven and Earth, think you ?

Do you believe in any one else besides in God the Father ?

In whom ?

A R T. 2.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.

Whose Son is Jesus Christ ?

Has God the Father any more such Sons as he ?

Who is God the Father's only Son ?

What is Jesus Christ to us ?

Whose Lord is Jesus Christ ?

Do you know why he is called our Lord ?

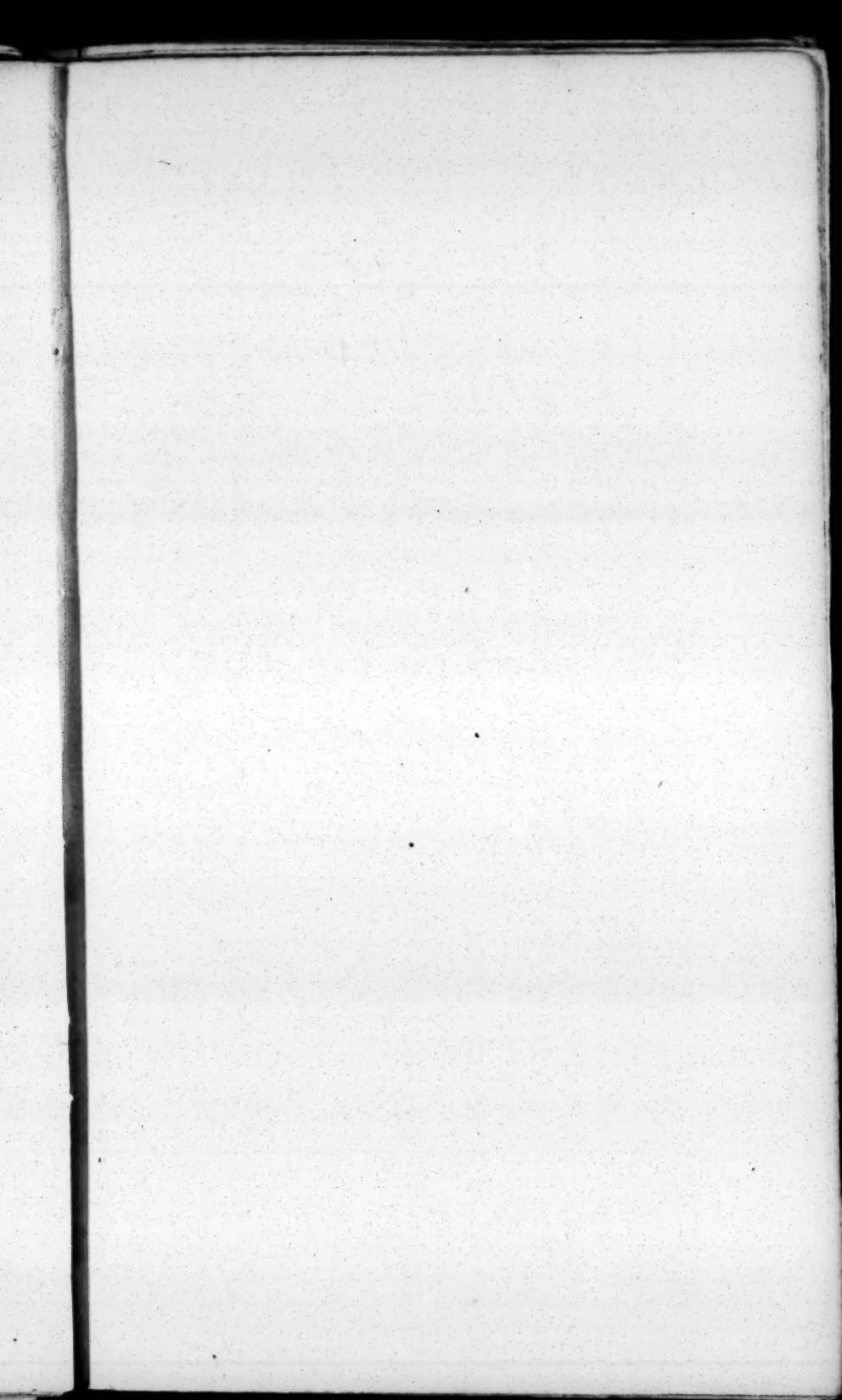
Tell him, that Christ redeemed and bought us, and is our Maker and King.

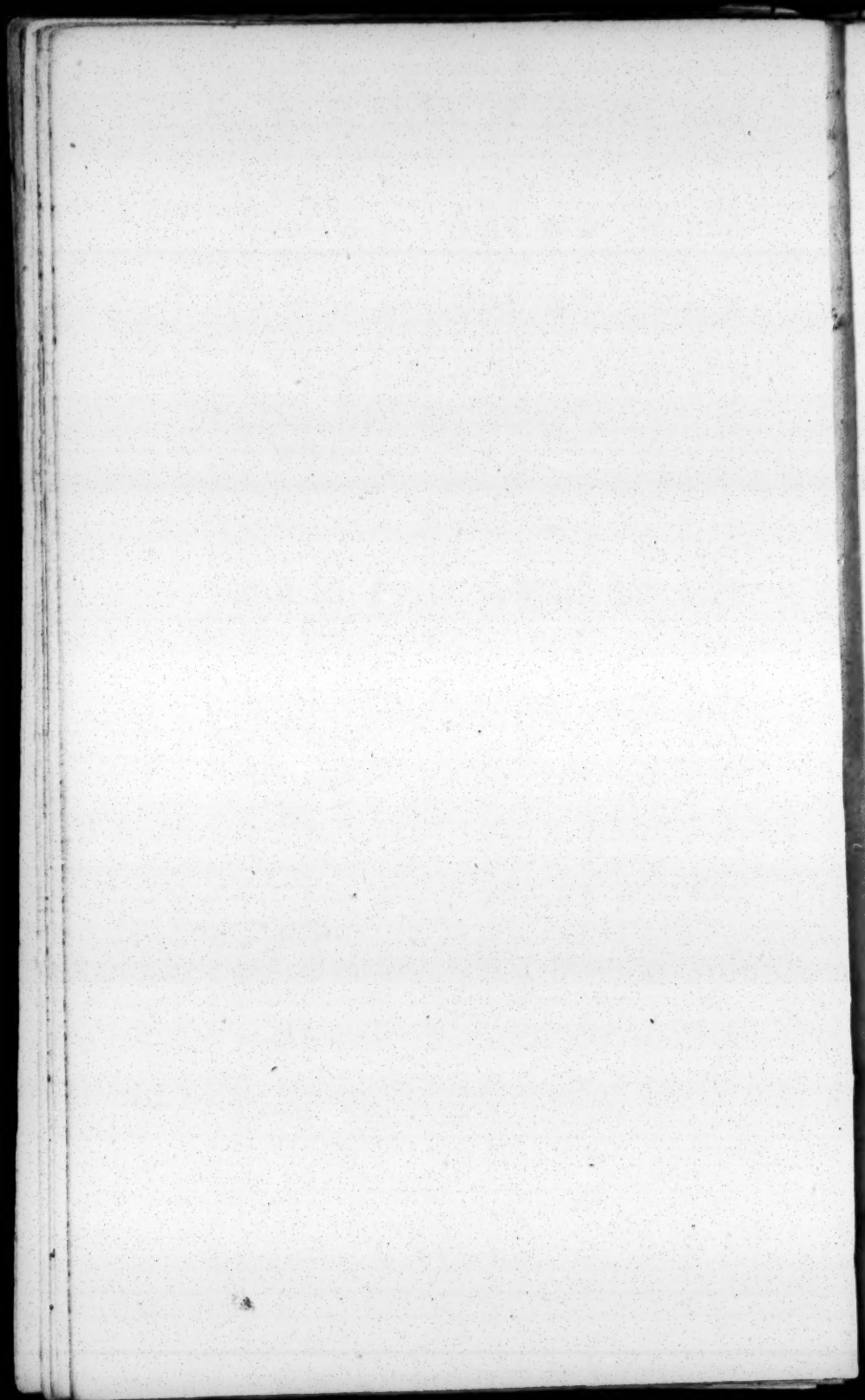
Canst thou tell why he is call'd Jesus ?

From what did he save us ?

How did he save us from Sin and from Hell-Fire ?

The Child may be reminded of the Method of our Redemption : Or he may be taught





taught to answer, by repeating the following Arricles.

S E C T. V.

A R T. 3.

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.

Who was it which was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin *Mary*?

By whom was he conceived?

Can you tell who the Holy Ghost is?

How do you think he was conceiv'd by the Holy Spirit of God?

Tell him, that the Power of God's Holy Spirit came upon his Mother, and she became with Child without knowing a Man.

Who was so conceived?

What Day of the Year do we keep in Memory of Christ's Conception?

Who was his Mother?

Who was born of the Virgin *Mary*?

Do you know what time of the Year is observed to commemorate the Birth of Christ?

Dost thou really believe that he was so conceived and born?

What

What do you believe he was born into the World for?

How did he save us?

A R T. 4.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, Dead and Buried. He descended into Hell.

Who suffered?

What did Jesus Christ suffer?

Under whom did Jesus Christ suffer Death?

Do you know who Pontius Pilate was?

Can you tell me on what particular Day in the Year we commemorate the Death of Christ?

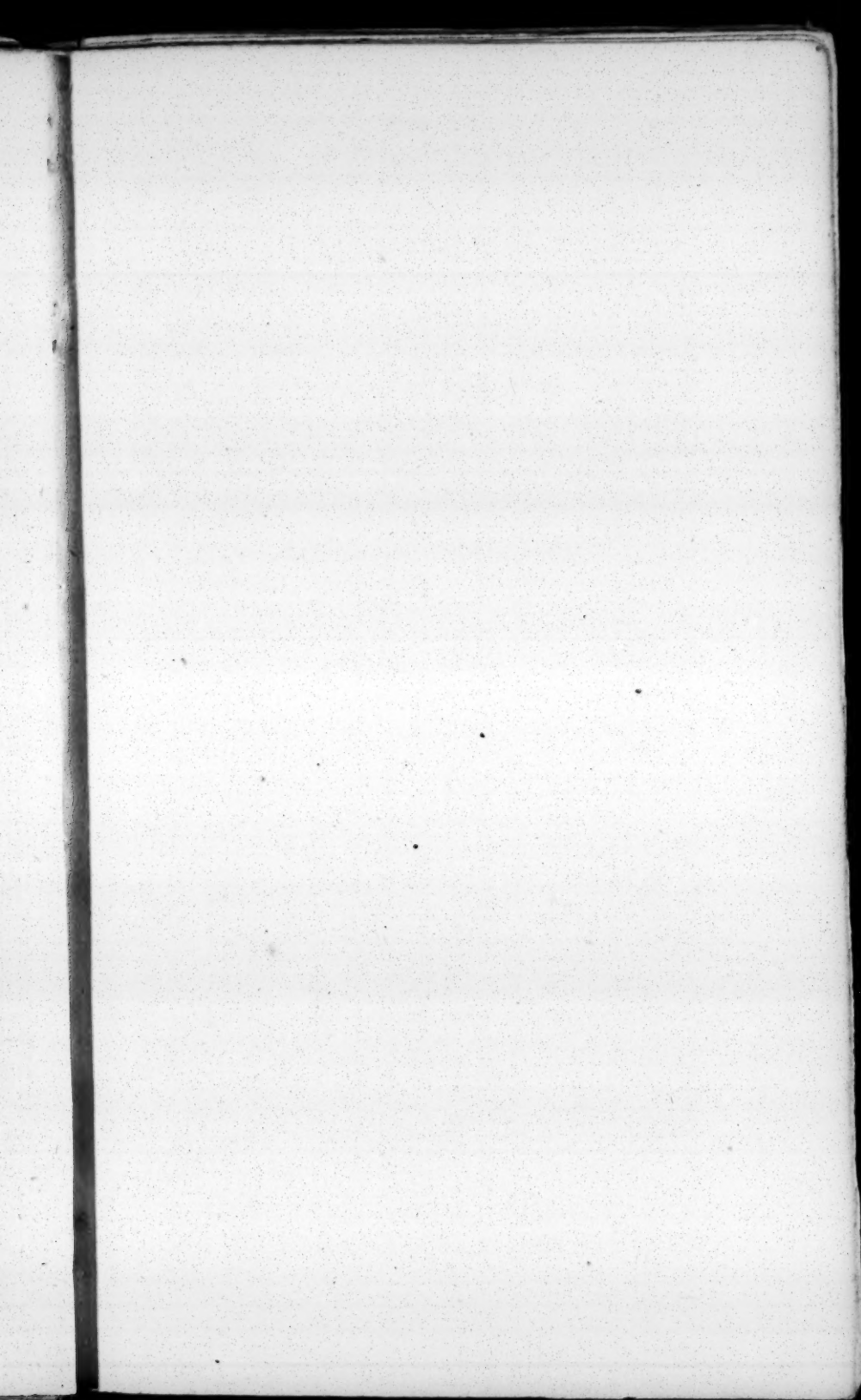
Who was crucified?

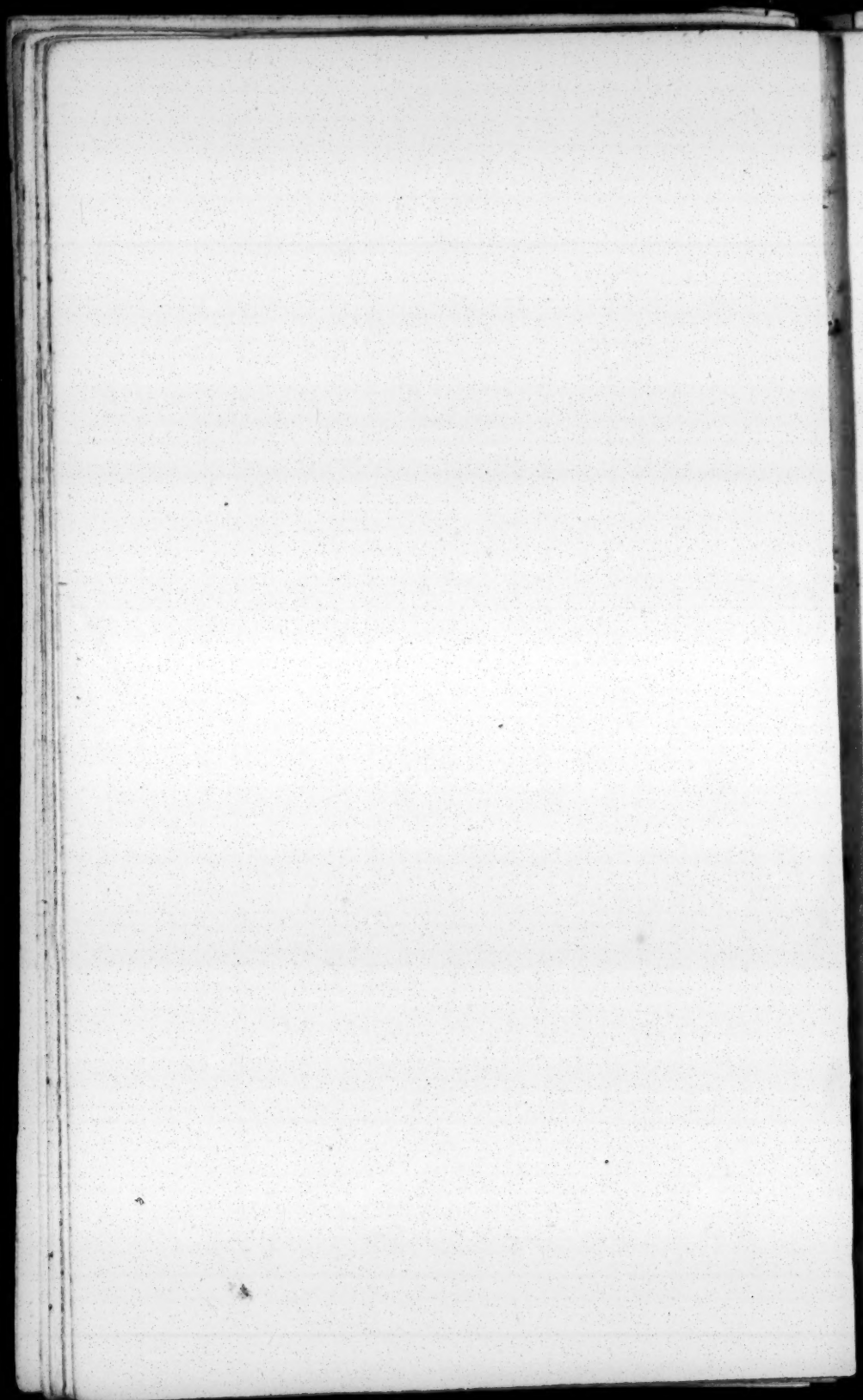
Do you know what crucifying is?

Can you tell for what Reason Jesus Christ was nailed to a Cross, and died?

Why should he (think you) suffer and die for our Sins? Was he forced to do it?

Here make the Child sensible of the Love of the Son of God, in offering himself to be a Sacrifice for us; and tell him, the Son of God was grieved to see us in so miserable





miserable a Condition as we were in, and so He came into the World to save us.

Then ask him, what that miserable Condition was ?

Make him thoroughly acquainted with our Father *Adam's* Sin, and its dismal Effects. That we his Children became thereby subject to Death, and Slaves to Sin and the Devil; and for that Reason were to be damned with the Devils in Hell-Fire.

Who descended into Hell ?

Whither did Jesus Christ descend ?

Here prevent the Child's thinking he went to suffer there ; for that was finished on the Cross. But the Scriptures being silent in this matter, and the Meaning of the Descent being controverted, the Catechist may do well not to determine any thing about it.

Did he stay in Hell, and continue always dead ?

S E C T. VI.

A R T. 5.

The Third Day he rose again from the Dead.

Who rose again ?

From whence did Jesus Christ arise ?

What

What dost thou mean by his rising again from the Dead ?

How was it ?

How long after his Death was it; that Jesus Christ came to Life again, and came out of his Grave ?

Do you know what Day of the Year the Resurrection of Christ is commemorated upon ?

Canst thou tell why he rose from the dead ?

The Child may be informed, that he rose again upon several Accounts, but chiefly that he might rise again at the last Day.

What became of Jesus Christ after he rose from the Dead ?

A R T. 6.

He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty.

What is ascending, think you ?

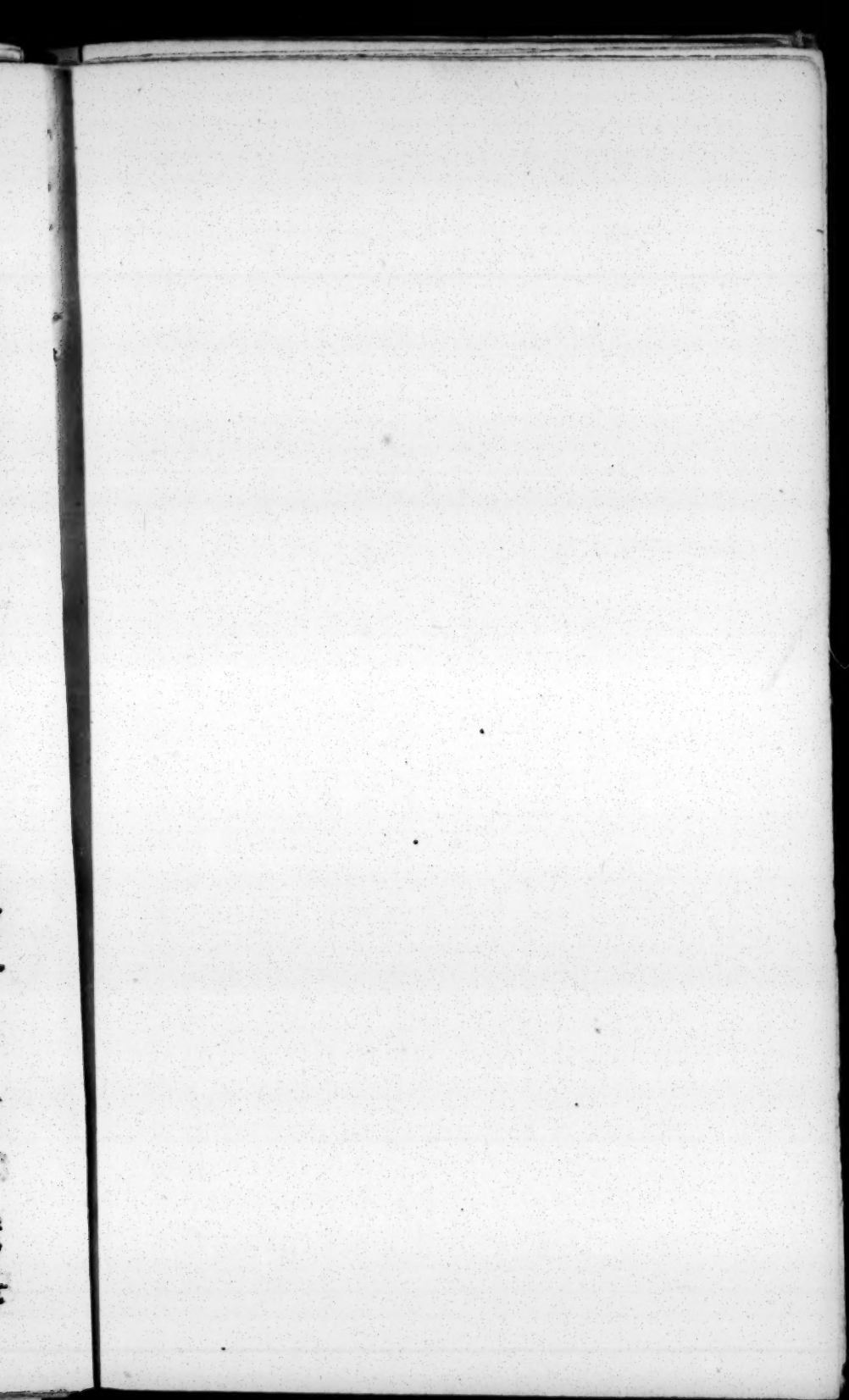
Who ascended (or went up) into Heaven ?

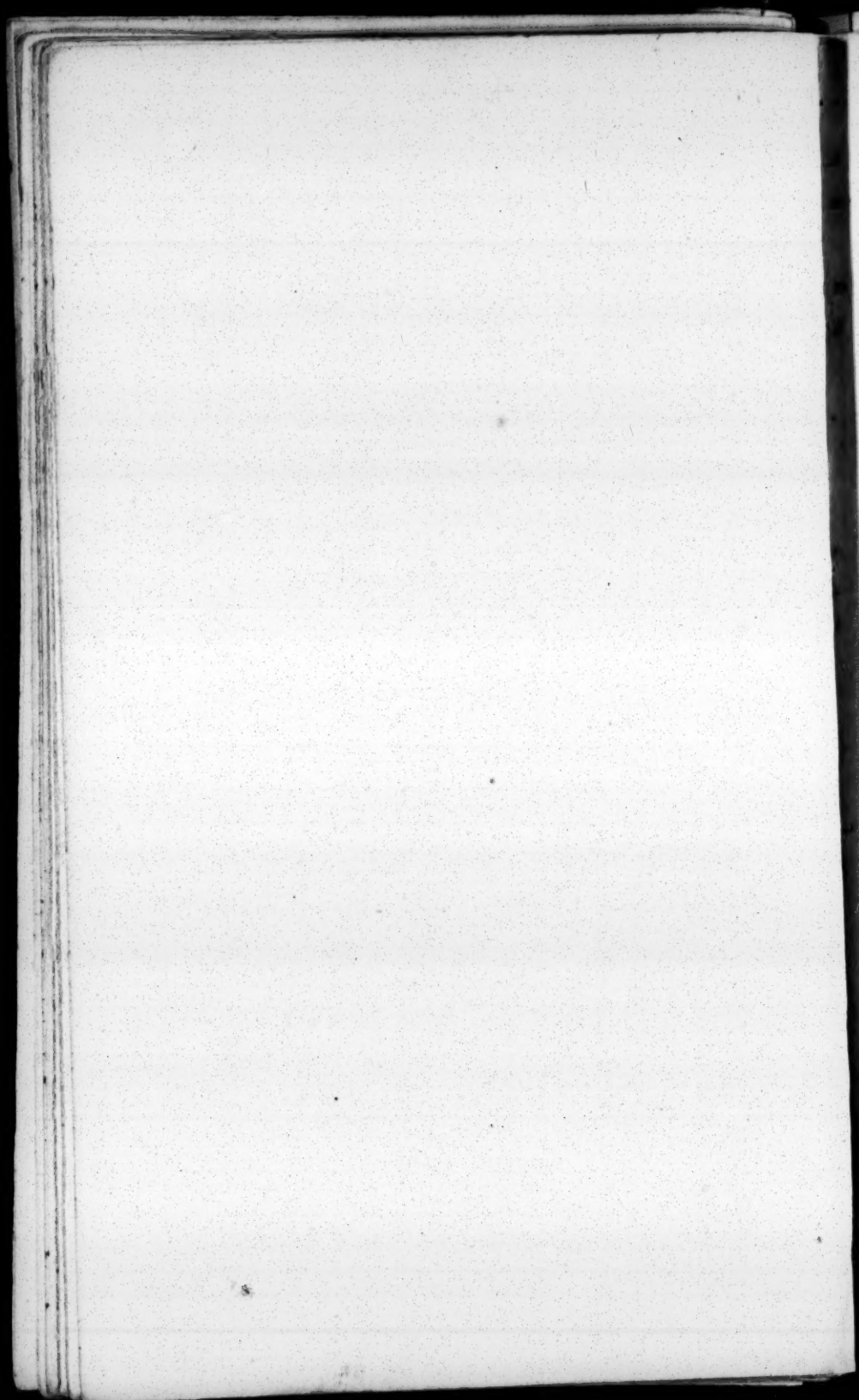
Whither did Jesus Christ ascend ?

Can you tell how long that was after his Resurrection ?

What Day of the Year is kept in remembrance of Christ's Ascension ?

What





What dost thou think he did with his Body ?

How did he ascend, can you tell ?

Here acquaint the Child with the manner of Christ's Ascension, as it is *Acts* 1.

What does our Saviour Jesus Christ do in Heaven ?

Who sitteth at the Right-hand of God the Father Almighty ?

Do you know what Jesus Christ does at God's Right-hand ?

Let him be informed, that he governs the World under the Father, and blesses and takes care of his Church ; *i. e.* all good Christians.

Will he continue always in Heaven ?

A R T. 7.

From thence he shall come to judge both the Quick and the Dead.

Who shall come ?

From whence shall he come ?

What shall Jesus Christ come from Heaven for ?

Who shall judge the Quick and the Dead ?

Who are the Quick ?

Who the Dead ?

When

When do you think he will come?
 Do you know how he will come
 at the end of the World to judge the
 Quick and the Dead ?

Here it may be of use to say something
 of the manner of Christ's coming : As that
 it will be with the glorious Angels attend-
 ing him, with Sound of Trumpets ; then
 he will sit upon a Throne, and raise the
 Dead, and call all before him.

Do you think that you and I shall
 be judged by him ?

What shall we be judged for, think you ?

Tell him he must give an account for
 every Thing we have done, good and bad,
 secret and open ; every bad Word, and
 wicked Deed, and simple Thought. Thence
 exhort him to be fearful of offending the
 Great God, that he may not be condemned
 to Hell-Fire.

S E C T. VII.

A R T. 8.

I believe in the Holy Ghost.

Whom do you say you believe in ?

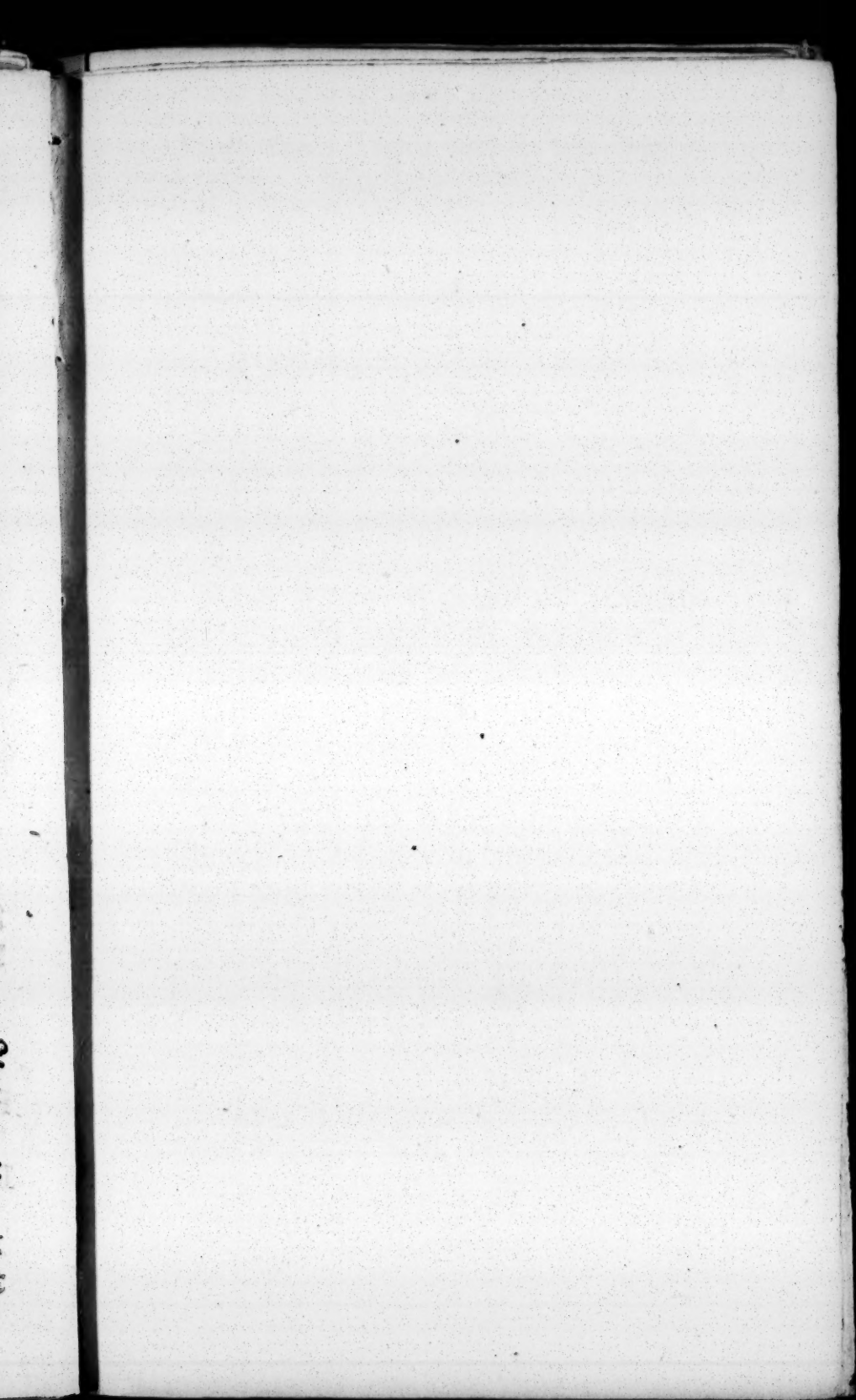
What does the Word Ghost signify ?

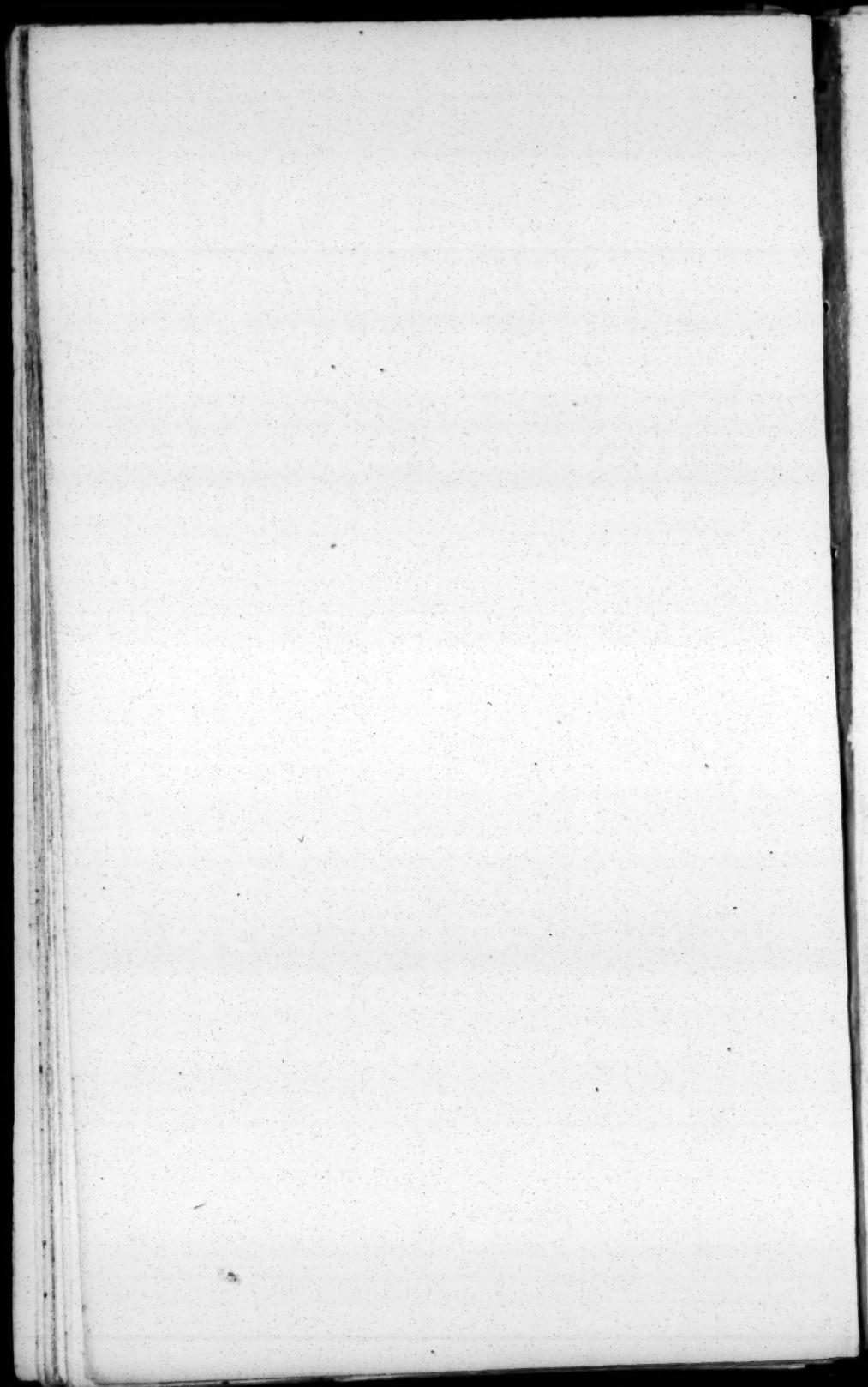
Can you tell, who the Holy Ghost
 (or Spirit) is ?

Do you think that the Holy Ghost
 (or Spirit of God) is God ?

How many Gods do you think
 there is then ?

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Dost thou know what the Holy Ghost does for us?

Can you tell what is meant by Sanctifying?

How does he make us Holy ?

Shew him again the Necessity of spiritual Regeneration, and the Help of God's Grace.

What do you believe more besides in the Holy Ghost ?

A R T. 9.

**The Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints.**

What do you call holy ?

Can you tell what Catholick means ?

What is called Catholick or Universal ?

Can you tell what the Catholick Church is ? Do you think it is the Place where we meet to serve God ?

Why is the Church, or the Congregation of Christian People, called Catholick or Universal ?

Answ. It is so called, because it is not confined to one Nation.

What is the next thing you do believe ?

The Communion of what ?

Who do you call Saints, do you know ?

Can

Can you tell what the Communion of Jesus Christ's faithful holy Servants is ?

Acquaint him that they have a Fellowship with God, with Christ, and with one another.

What dost thou believe next ?

A R T. 10.

The Forgiveness of Sins.

What is forgiven ?

Do you know who forgives Sins ?

For whose sake does God forgive Sins ?

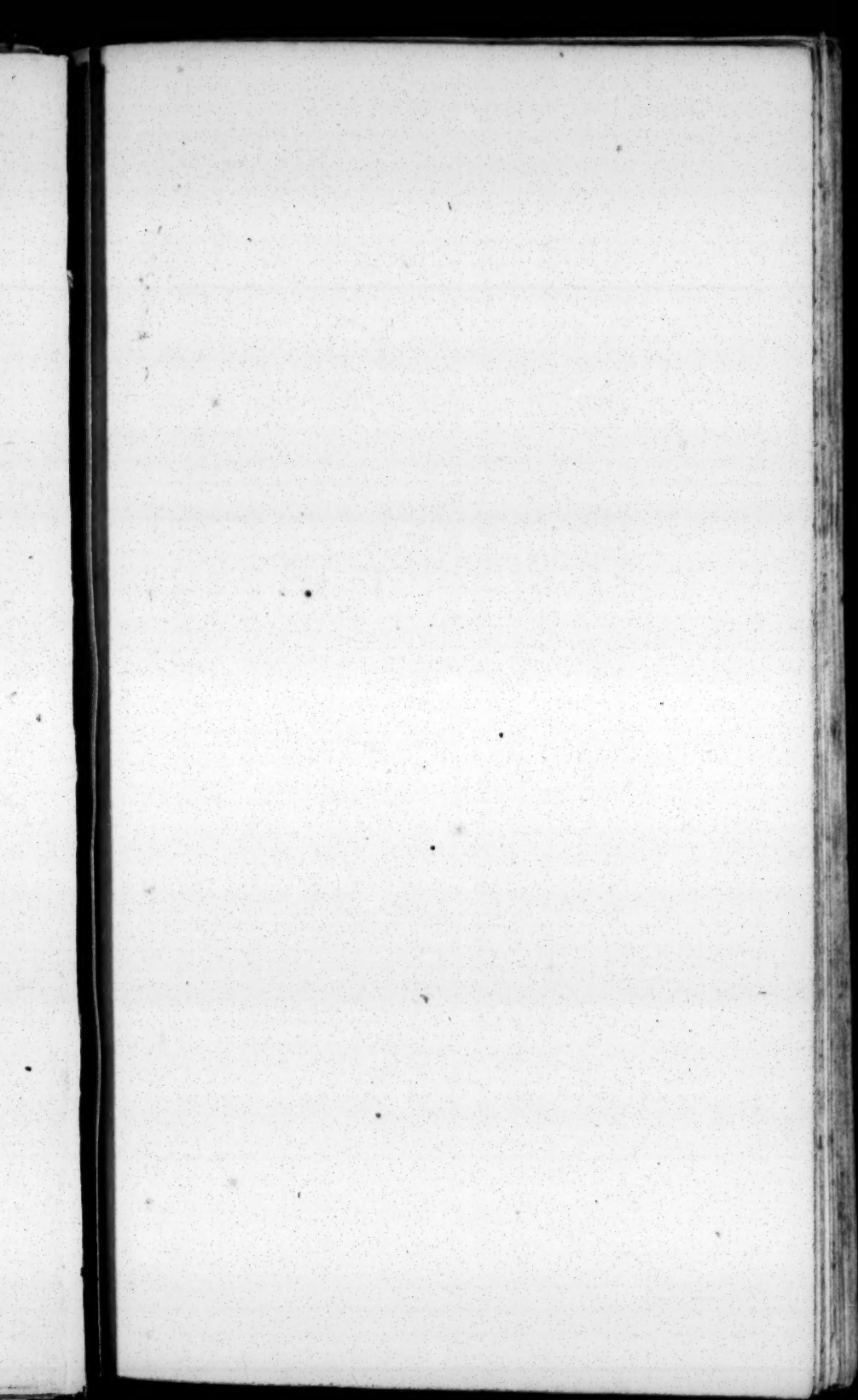
Is there no Pardon of Sins but through Jesus Christ ?

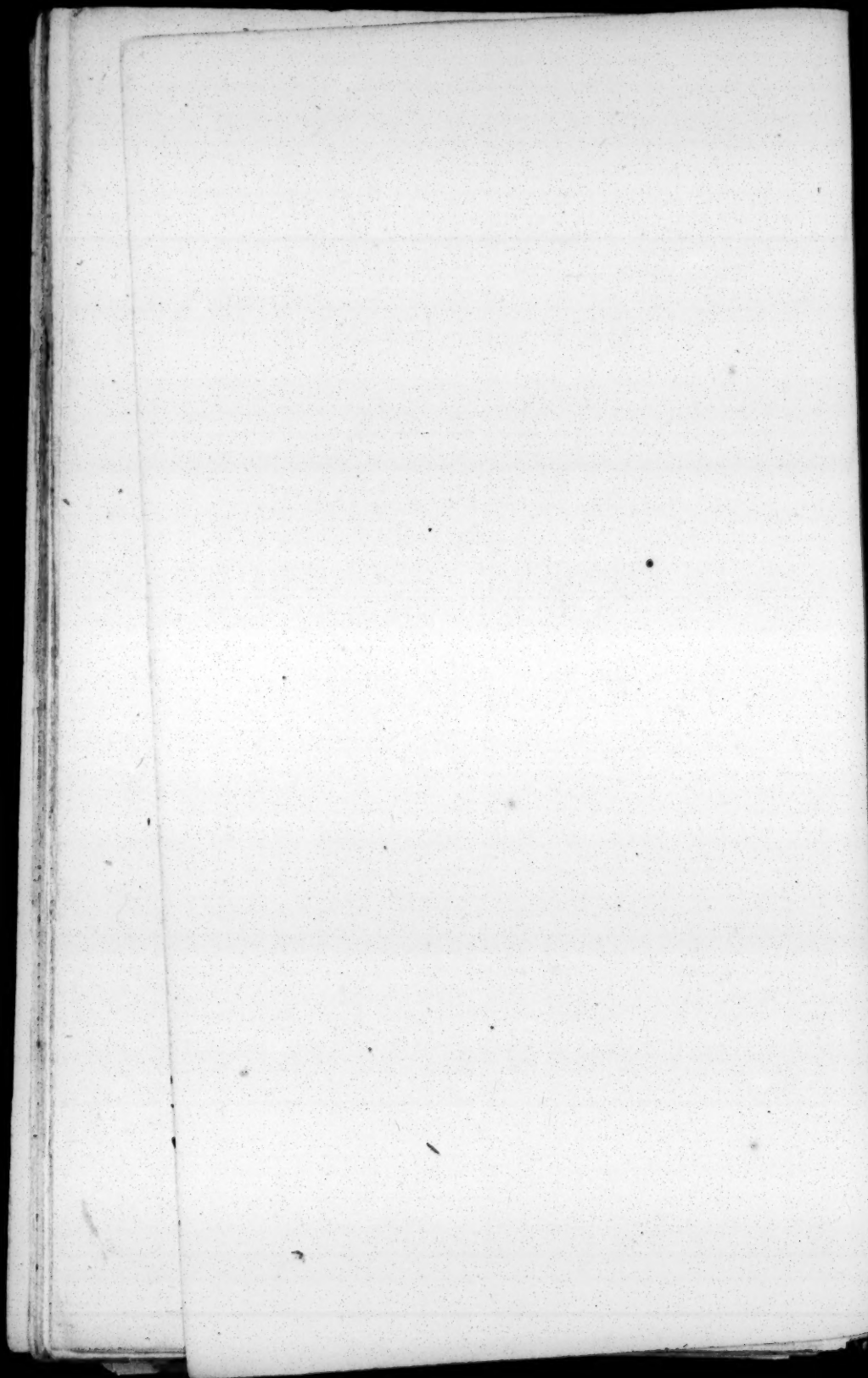
Do you know whose Sins are pardoned ?

If Christians Sins (they who believe in Christ) are forgiven them, may they not live wickedly, and do what they please ?

Here make the Child sensible that Christians, and only such, have, through Christ's Merits, a Promise of Pardon, if they will confess and forsake their Sins, and endeavour to lead holy Lives, and not otherwise.

What dost thou believe next ?





A R T. 11.

The Resurrection of the Body.

What do you think a Resurrection is?

What shall come to Life again, and rise out of the Grave after it is dead and buried?

Whose Body?

Dost thou think that all those Peoples Bodies which you see dead and buried, shall come to Life again?

When do you think it will be?

Do you believe that your Body shall rise to Life again at the End of the World, when Jesus Christ shall come to Judgment?

Why do you believe it?

Ans. God who will not deceive us has said it.

What follows the Resurrection?

A R T. 12.

The Life everlasting.

What do you think is meant by everlasting?

What shall never have an End?

B Do

Do you know who shall enjoy this Life?

When do you think all good Christians shall enjoy this Life?

Can you tell me where they shall live always after the last Judgment?

Let him be told, that they shall live in Heaven with Christ and his Angels, and with God himself.

But don't you think that wicked People will rise again?

Where then shall they live?

Here it may be proper to discourse of Hell's Eternal Torments, and Heaven's Eternal Joys, consequent upon the last Judgment.

S E C T. VIII.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

Whom do you first learn to believe in?

Who made you and all the World?

Whom do you next learn to believe in?

Who is God the Son?

What did Jesus Christ, God the Son, do?

Can you tell what his redeeming you is? What it means?

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Here acquaint them, that it is paying such a Sum as is required to set a Person free. So when we were Slaves to Sin, Servants of the Devil, and liable to Hell-Fire, Jesus Christ, God's Son, pay'd a Ransom for us, and set us free.

What was the Ransom he pay'd ?

Did God shed his Blood for us ?

Tell him there are two Natures in Christ; Divine and Humane, the one passible, or capable of suffering; the other impassible, or not capable of suffering.

You say, all Mankind are redeem'd by God the Son, Are all Men saved then ?

Here tell him, that though the Price of Redemption was pay'd for all Men, yet all do not accept it : None but the faithful and obedient partake of the Benefit, *i. e.* such as are baptized and take care to perform their Vow and Engagement.

What is it that you learn to believe concerning God the Son ?

Whom do you, Thirdly, learn to believe in ?

Who sanctifieth ?

Whom does God the Holy Ghost sanctify ?

Who do you think are the elect People of God ?

Here acquaint the Child, that baptized Believers, if they lead good Lives answer-

able to their Profession, are God's Elect, (or chosen.) The unbelieving World and wicked People have no right in Christ.

Dost thou remember what Sanctifying is ?

How does he make the elect People of God holy and new Creatures ?

You have not forgot what Grace is ?

Here remind the Child, that the Holy Ghost does purifie our Hearts, and give us good Desires, &c. He helps and assists us in the Work of our Salvation, which is the Effect of his Grace.

How many Persons do you here believe in ?

They are not Three Gods, Are they ?

S E C T. IX.

What is the Third Thing your Godfathers and Godmothers promis'd you should do ?

What did they promise you should keep ?

Whose Commandments ?

When did they engage this ?

How long must you walk in God's Commandments ?

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It may be proper here to make the Child sensible of the Necessity of Perseverance.

Q Tell me how many Commandments there be ?

Ten what ?

Q Which be they ?

What did God speak in the 20th Chapter of *Exodus* ?

Do you know whom he Spoke to ?

Tell him who the Children of *Israel* were ; shew the History of that People, and let him know in what a solemn manner this Law was deliver'd from *Sinai* ; The Lord appearing in Fire with Thunders, Lightnings, and the Voice of a Trumper.

What did God ?

Whom did the Lord bring out of the Land of *Egypt* ?

What was the House of Bondage ?

I. Commandment.

Q Which is the First Commandment ?

But whom must you have no other Gods ?

Is there any other Gods besides the Lord ?

Can you tell what is having other Gods besides the Lord ?

Tell the Child, it is worshipping Creatures, the Sun, and Moon, &c. as the Heathen do. We must not fear or worship any

evil Spirit, nor seek to them for any thing: We are not to regard them that have familiar Spirits, nor seek to Witches or Wise-men for any thing whatsoever, nor use our selves any Charms or Means of Health, &c. which we may suppose or fear is done by some evil Spirit. Such Things are Breaches of this Commandment.

II. Commandment.

Q. What is the Second Commandment?

What must you not make to your self?

What else?

Dost thou know what a Graven Image is?

Is it Sin to make the Shape of a Man, or any other Creature, in Wood, Stone, &c. and to draw a Picture or Representation of any thing?

Tell him the bare making such a Thing is not Sin, but the making it with a Design to represent God by it, or to worship it as God.

What must you not bow down to or worship?

Is not God to be worshipp'd under any Shape or Picture whatsoever?

Make him sensible that God being a spiritual Substance, cannot be represented under any Shape; and therefore it is Idolatry to make an Image to worship him by.

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Who is jealous ?

Upon whom does the Lord visit the
Sins of the Fathers ?

On whose Children ?

Who are said to hate God ?

Do you know what is meant by vi-
siting the Sins of idolatrous and wick-
ed Fathers upon their Children ?

To how many Generations does
God often punish the Sins of the
wicked in their Children ?

To whom does God shew Mercy ?

To how many Generations does
he say he will be merciful to them that
love him, and keep his Command-
ments ?

III. *Commandment.*

Q. What is the Third Commandment ?

What must you not take in vain ?

Can you tell what taking God's
Name in vain is ?

How does God say he will deal with
them that Curse and Swear ?

Whom will not God hold guilt-
less ?

Can you tell what is meant by God's
not holding them guiltless ?

Whom will God severely punish ?

Charge the Child here to take special care of Swearing and Forswearing; of Cursing and Damning others, and Blaspheming, &c.

IV. Commandment.

Q. What is the Fourth Commandment?

What must you remember to keep holy?

How must you remember the Sabbath-Day?

How many Days in every Week may you labour?

What Day is the Sabbath?

Whose Sabbath is the Seventh Day?

What must not be done on the Sabbath Day?

May People set their Servants and Children to work on the Sabbath-day?

In how many Days did the Lord make Heaven and Earth?

What Day did he rest on?

What Day did he bless and hallow?

What is hallowing a Day, think you?

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What Day of the Week is our Sabbath ?

Are you to keep *Sunday* holy ?

Exhort them to come to Church to serve God, to read good Books, and not play on the Lord's-Day by any means.

S E C T. X.

V. Commandment.

Q. What is the Fifth Commandment ?

Whom does this Commandment require you to honour ?

Do you know what is meant by honouring them ?

Acquaint him that he must reverence and obey, succour and relieve them in their Old Age. Acquaint the Child also, that under the Name of Father and Mother, is meant Governours and Masters, Ministers and Teachers.

What Encouragement does God give that you may keep this Commandment ?

Where shall their Days be long who honour their Father and Mother ?

VI. Commandment.

Q. What is the Sixth Commandment ?

What must thou not do ?

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What do you call Murder ?

Tell him that it is killing and taking away another Man's Life, and doing him any Hurt and Injury, bearing Hatred towards him.

VII. Commandment.

Q. What is the Seventh Commandment ?

What must thou not commit ?

Dost thou know what Adultery is ?

Tell him that all Whoredom and Uncleanneſs, and immodest Behaviour, is here forbidden.

VIII. Commandment.

Q. What is the Eighth Commandment ?

Who must not steal ?

Who ſays you muſt not ſteal ?

You know what ſtealing is, do you not ?

Is nothing elſe ſtealing, but robbing and taking away other Peoples Goods ?

Tell him he muſt not chear and impoſe upon People ; not ſo much as filch little Things from them.

IX. Commandment.

Q. What is the Ninth Commandment?

What must you not do?

Against whom must you not bear false Witness?

Who is thy Neighbour?

Dost thou know what bearing false Witness is?

Let him understand that it is accusing any one falsely, and speaking false Things of him before a Magistrate; also Slandering, and inventing and telling Lies of others. Warn the Child against Lying and Slandering.

X. Commandment.

Q. What is the Tenth Commandment?

What must you not covet?

Canst thou tell what it is to covet?

What must you not desire or long for?

Make him here sensible, that it is not only doing Evil that is Sin, but inward lusting, &c. contriving and projecting Mischief though it be not accomplished.

As particularly; instance in endeavouring to steal and cheat; in malicious Contrivances to do hurt, and lustful Desires, &c.

S E C T. XI.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn by the Commandments ?

How many Things ?

What are those Two Things ?

By what do you learn your Duty towards God and your Neighbour ?

Q. What is your Duty towards God ?

Whom are you to believe in ?

Dost thou know what believing in God is ?

He may be informed, that he must believe the Lord to be the only God, and assent to all that the Scripture tells us of God our Maker, not doubt any thing God has revealed.

Whom must you fear ?

Why do you fear God ?

Tell him of God's Power and our absolute Dependance upon him, *Luke 12. 5.*

How must you love God ?

Whom will you worship ?

Do you know what worshipping God is ?

Why do People (think you) come to Church, and fall down before God, and pray to him ?

It will be of use often to instil in Children God's Sovereignty, and Man's Dependance and Sinfulness, &c.

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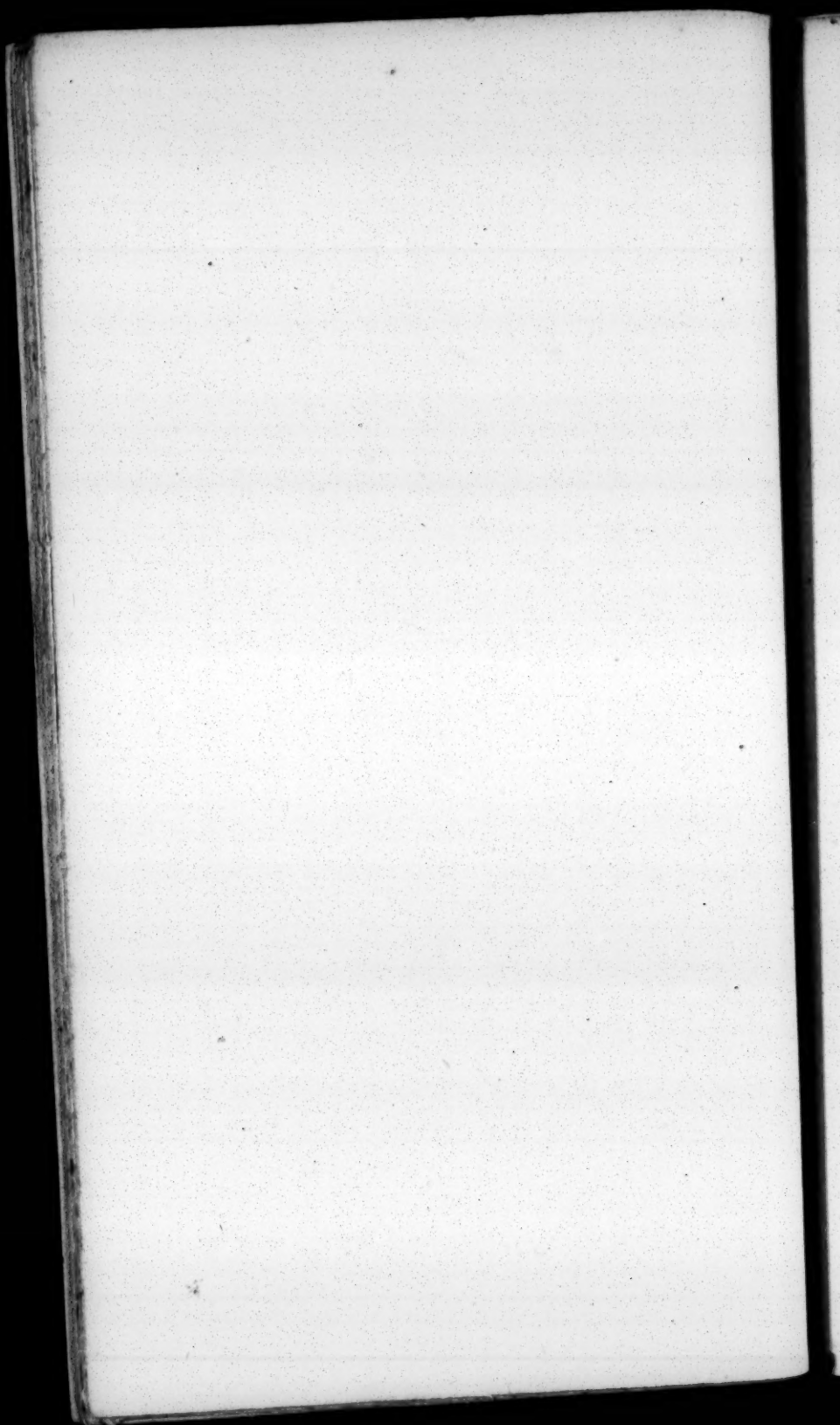
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What do you give God Thanks for?

To tell Children often of the Goodness of God's Providence and Grace, may excite them to Thankfulness and Devotion, and fix in their Minds the Reasons thereof.

What Trust must you put in God?

The Foundation of our entire Trust in God, is from hence : Because God is both able and willing (according to his Promise to such as fear him) to provide for us, to deliver us from Sickness and Trouble, to give us Grace to work out our Salvation, &c.

Do you know what calling upon God is?

Exhort them to be constant in saying their Prayers ; and learn them to seek to God by Prayer for every thing.

What are you to honour?

Can you tell what honouring God's Holy Name is?

What is God's Word?

Do you know how you are to honour God's holy Word?

Exhort them to reverence the Bible, and read it devoutly, and believe and observe what God says therein.

How long must you serve God?

Will you certainly do it?

An Opportunity may be here taken to press Children to their Duty to our great and good God, the Maker, Governour, and Saviour of the World, by whose good Providence

videncē we live and are happy, by whose Mercy it is that we are not destroyed, and by whose inexpressible Goodness we are put into a State of Salvation, and are afforded so many Means of Grace to obtain it.

S E C T. XII.

Q. Say your Duty towards your Neighbour?

Whom are you to love as your self?

Who is your Neighbour?

How are you to love every Man?

How are you to do to all Men?

Whom are you to love, honour, and succour?

What do you mean by succouring your Father and Mother?

Whom must you relieve and provide for, and never suffer them to want any Comforts that you can afford them?

Now what is your Duty to your Father and Mother?

What is your Duty to the Queen?

Whom must you honour and obey?

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What must you do to those who are put in Authority under the Queen?

Whom are you to submit to?

Whom else?

Now tell me your Duty to your Governours, Teachers, spiritual Pastors and Masters.

Do you know who your spiritual Pastors are?

How are you to behave your selves to all your Betters?

What must you not do to any Body?

How in Word?

How in Deed?

Tell them the principal Ways of hurting others by Word or Deed:

What must you be in all your Dealings?

What must you not bear in your Heart?

What must you keep your Hands from?

Does God command you not to filch and steal?

How must you keep your Tongue?

From what else?

Do you know what is Evil-speaking?

Let the Child be exhorted not to Curse and Swear; not to rail and call People Names, and say what Hurt he can of them.

Is Lying a great Sin?

What is Slandering?

Must you not abuse People behind their Backs?

How are you to keep your Body?

Can you tell what Temperance is?

Is it a Sin to eat to Excess, and to drink to be Drunk?

What is Chastity?

Is Whoring, and Lusting, after Women a great Sin?

What must you not covet nor desire?

Is it a Sin to envy others, and to desire from them their Goods, &c?

What are you to learn and labour to do?

How must you get your own Living?

We must do it by honest Labour and Industry. Charge him not to cheat and give himself to Thievery, nor take any unlawful Courses for a Livelihood.

What are you to do in that State of Life God calls you to?

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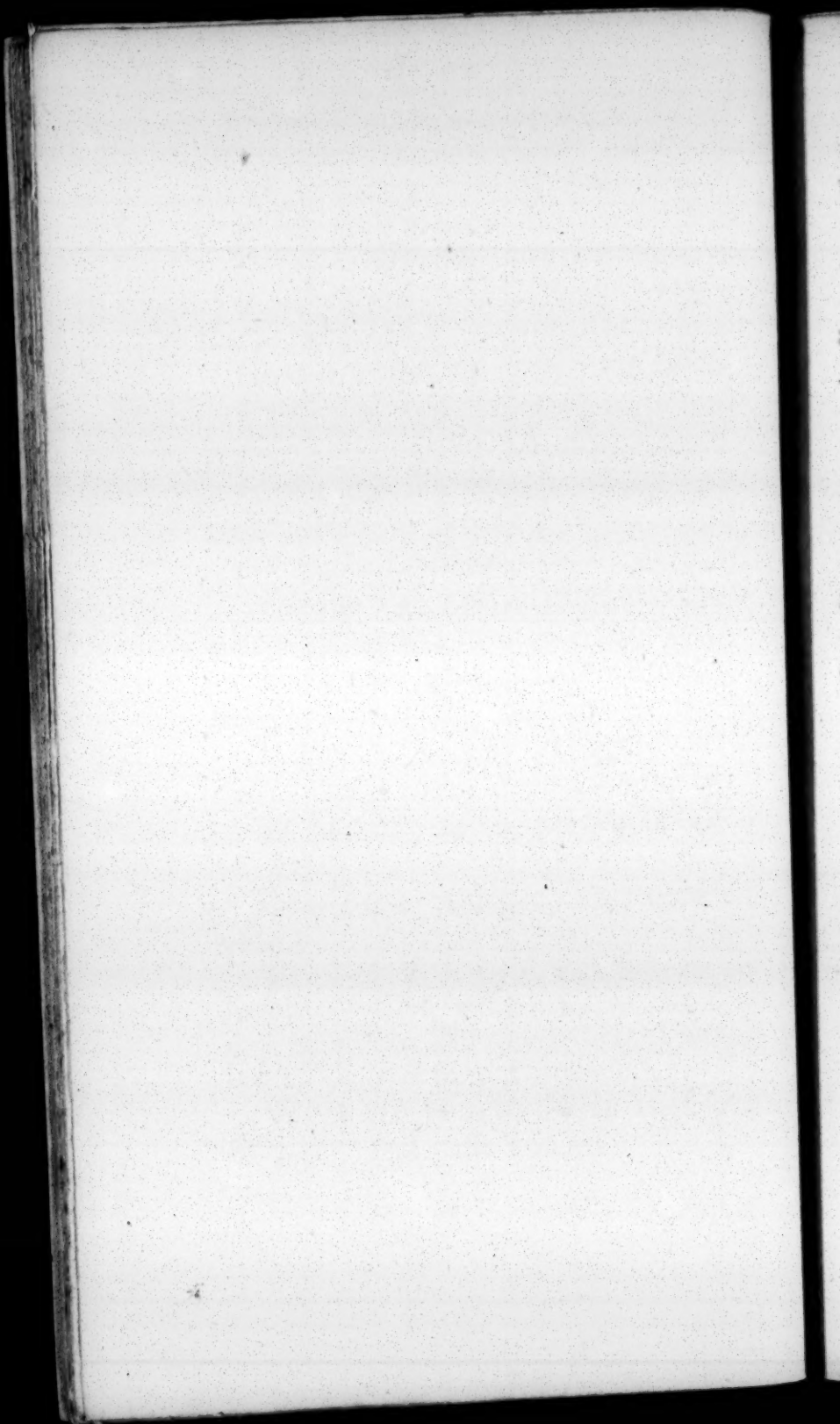
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Here an Occasion may be taken to warn the Children, that are almost fit to go to some Trade or Service, to be honest, and mind their own Business, and faithfully discharge all other Duties of their Calling.

SECTION. XIII.

Catechist. My good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do these Things of thy self, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve Him without his special Grace, which thou must learn at all Times to call for by diligent Prayer.

Now tell me what art thou not able to do of thyself?

What cannot you walk in?

Without what cannot you serve God?

What must you learn to call for?

By what must you learn to call for God's special Grace?

Here the Necessity of Prayer, and that daily and fervent, may be discours'd of.

Q. Say the Lord's-Prayer?

Whom do you here pray to?

What Relation has God to us?

Where

Where is God our Father?

What is the *First* Petition?

Can you tell what is meant by Hallowed?

What do we pray may be Sanctify'd, or Glorify'd and Prais'd?

By whom do you desire God's Name may be accounted Holy and Glorify'd?

What is the *Second* Petition?

Whose Kingdom do we pray may come?

What is the *Third* Petition?

Where would you have God's Will done?

How should God's Will be done on Earth?

What is done in Heaven?

Can you tell by whom it is there done?

What is the *Fourth* Petition?

What do we pray God to give us?

How much Bread do we pray for every Day?

What is the *Fifth* Petition?

What do we pray to God to forgive?

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What is meant by Trespaffes, Dost thou know?

Whose Trespaffes would you have forgiven?

What do you forgive?

Must we needs forgive others, if we would be forgiven our selves?

What is the *Sixth* Petition?

What do we pray not to be led into?

Whom would we not have lead us into Temptation?

From what would we be deliver'd?

Who delivers us from Evil?

Whose is the Kingdom, &c?

How long shall God our heavenly Father have the Kingdom, the Power and Glory?

Upon each of these Petitions, the Catechist may explain, if he thinks fit: As upon the,

First, That all Men ought to honour and glorifie God's Name, as the Angels do, and praise him for his Goodness, &c.

Second, That by the Kingdom of God is meant Two Things especially; *viz.* The Kingdom our Blessed Saviour set up in the World by his Preaching, &c. which Kingdom is to continue till the Day of Judgment.

Judgment. Here God dispenses his sanctifying Grace to reclaim and lead all Men to Godliness; his Kingdom of Glory, into which all good People shall be admitted at the last Judgment, but wicked the turned into Hell.

Third, That the Angels and Saints in Heaven never disobey God, but execute all his Commands most readily, and most cheerfully submit to his Will: And so should we their Brethren imitate their Obedience.

Fourth, That our Dependance is absolutely upon God the Author and Giver of all good Things, on whom we should every Day rely for Necessaries for that Day.

Fifth, Urge upon them the Necessity of forgiving Injuries, as the Condition upon which God for Christ's sake will have Mercy upon us. We must not then bear any Malice, nor let the Sun go down upon our Wrath.

Sixth, That God does not tempt any to Sin, but permits the Devil to do it. Indeed his Providence ordering all humane Affairs, does place us in such and such Circumstances, and orders such Things to befall us which may prove Trials and Temptations: In that Sense God may be said to lead us into Temptation.

From Evil, is either from the Evil of Sin, and of Mischief, or the Devil, the evil One, and we there pray against every Thing that is evil and hurtful to our Bodies and Souls.

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Conclusion. That God is the King and Governour of the World, and has all Power in his Hands, and he does bestow all good Things and Fortunes, &c. and to him should we give the Praise and Glory:

S E C T. XIV.

Q. Say the Lord's-Prayer?

Why is it called the Lord's-Prayer?

Q. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

It may be advisable for the Catechist to repeat every Clause as he questions them, about the Meaning of it.

Who is the Giver of all Goodness?

What do you desire God to do?

What would you have God send to you and all People?

What do you desire God to send you his Grace for?

Whom will you worship, serve and obey?

What ought you to do?

What do you pray unto God to send us?

Whom do you pray to be merciful to us?

What do you pray God to forgive?

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What do we pray to be saved and defended in ?

Do you know what Ghostly means ?

What are Spiritual Dangers ?

Can we not be safe from Dangers that may befall our Souls, and Dangers that may befall our Bodies, except God save and defend us ?

It may not be amiss here again, to shew them our Weakness, and the Necessity of God's Protection.

From what would you have God to keep us ?

From what else ?

Who is our Ghostly or Spiritual Enemy, know you ?

Here remind them of the Devil's Designs to work the eternal Ruin of our Souls.

From what Death do you pray God to keep us ?

Do you know what everlasting Death is ?

What do you trust God will do ?

Why do you trust God will do all that you do in this Prayer desire of him ?

Through whom do you hope God will of his Mercy and Goodness do all these Things ?

Can you tell why you say through our Lord Jesus Christ ?

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Let him know, that we cannot hope to receive any Kindness from God, but thro' Jesus Christ's Mediation and Sufferings.

Why do you say *Amen* ?

What is the Meaning of *Amen* ?

S E C T. XV.

Of the Sacraments.

Q. How many Sacraments has Christ ordained in his Church ?

How many Sacraments are there? name them ?

Who ordain'd or appointed Baptism and the Lord's-Supper ?

To what are Baptism and the Lord's Supper generally necessary ?

For whom are they generally necessary ?

Q. What meanest thou by this Word Sacrament ?

What is meant by the Word visible, know you ?

Do you know what an outward visible Sign is ?

Let him know, that it is something without us which is done to our Bodies, and can be seen.

Do you know what an inward and spiritual Grace is ?

Let him know, that it is some Grace or Benefit which our Souls inwardly receive by

by the outward Sign, and explain both by the outward Signs and inward Grace in the two Sacraments.

What was given unto us ?

What was ordain'd by Christ himself ?

Why was this outward visible Sign of an inward and spiritual Grace ordained ?

As a Means whereby we receive what ?

What is a Pledge, think you ?

What is here said to be a Pledge, Token, or Earnest ?

What does it assure us of ?

Q. How many Parts are there in a Sacrament ?

What are the Two Parts of a Sacrament ?

Q. What is the outward visible Sign or Form in Baptism ?

What do you say Water is ?

With what are Persons baptized ?

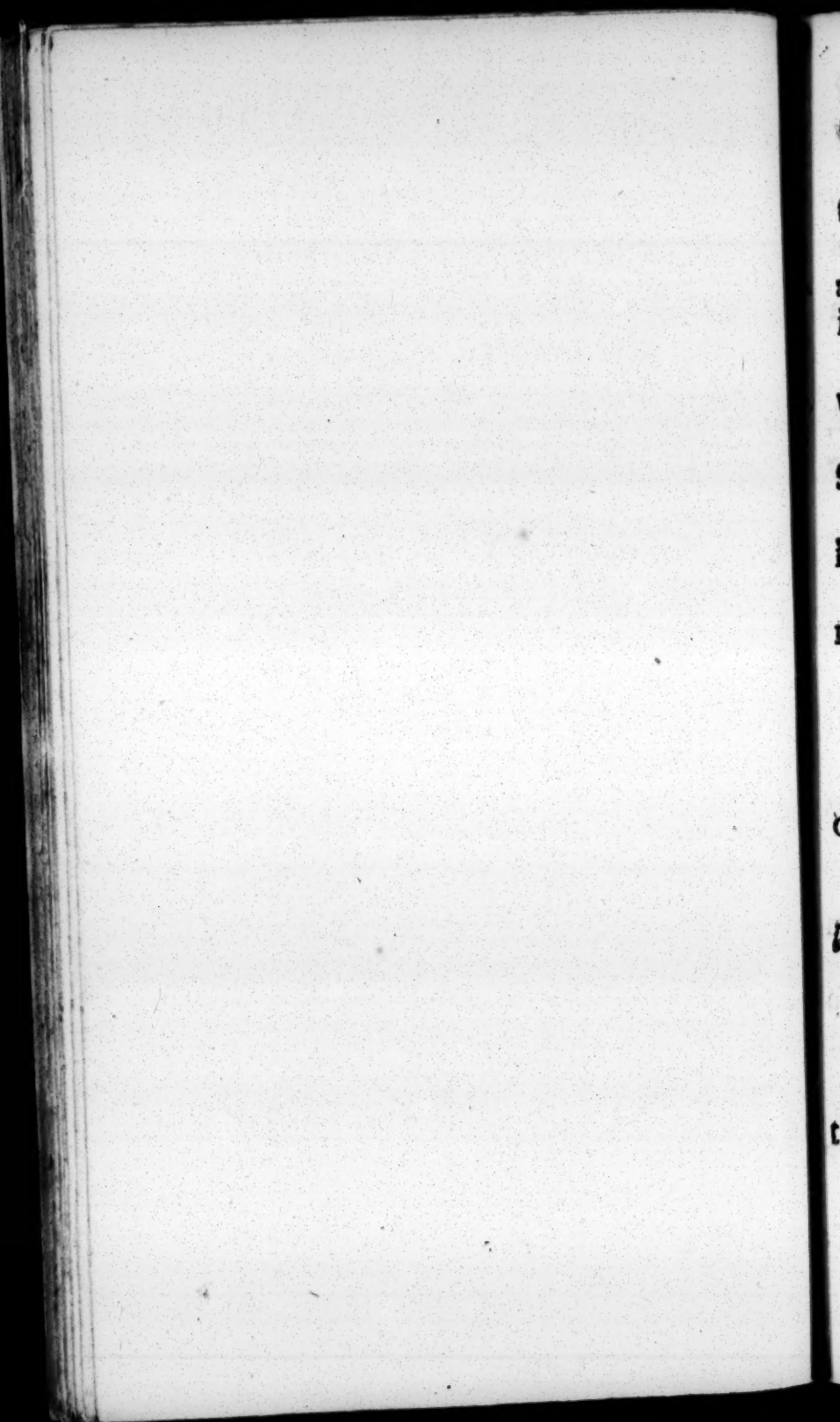
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Do you know why we are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ?

Tell him, it is because we are dedicated to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and the Minister does it by their Authority ?

Q. What is the inward and Spiritual Grace ? What

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What are baptized Persons to die unto ?

What are they therein new born to ?

What do you say a Death unto Sin and a new Birth unto Righteousness is ?

The inward and spiritual Grace in what ?

What do you mean by Death unto Sin ?

Ans. Ceasing to live any longer in it.

What is new Birth unto Righteousness ?

Ans. Walking in Newness of Life ?

What are we by Nature ?

What else ?

By what are we made Children of Grace ?

What are we made in Baptism ?

Q. What is required of Persons to be Baptized ?

What is Repentance ?

What do you say Faith is ?

By what do we forsake Sin ?

By what do we stedfastly believe the Promises of God ?

Whose Promises do we believe?
 What are those Promises, know
 you?

Explain the Three Promises of the New
 Covenant, Pardon, Grace, and everlasting
 Life.

What is that Sacrament wherein
 these Promises were made to us?

To whom are they made?

*Q. Why then are Infants Baptized,
 when by reason of their tender Age they
 cannot perform them?*

How many Things do Infants pro-
 mise by their Sureties?

What are those two Things?

Who are Sureties?

Who promise Faith and Repen-
 tance by their Godfathers and God-
 mothers?

What are they bound themselves
 to do?

What Promise?

When are they bound to perform
 it?

Do you look upon your selves to
 be bound to perform what your
 Sureties promised you should?

Exhort them to perform their Baptis-
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S E C T. XVI.

Of the Lord's-Supper.

Q. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's-Supper ordained?

Why is it call'd the Lord's-Supper, think you?

What did our Lord at his last Supper ordain it for?

For the continual Remembrance of what?

What else?

How long is Christ's Death to be remembered?

By what do we receive Benefits?

What are those Benefits?

Shew that they are Pardon, Reconciliation, the Gifts and Graces of the Spirit, and all sort of Blessings Temporal and Spiritual.

Q. What is the outward Part or Sign of the Lord's Supper?

What do you say Bread and Wine is?

Who commanded them to be received?

What did our Lord command?

Q. *What is the inward Part or Thing signify'd ?*

What do you say the Body and Blood of Christ is ?

The inward Part in what ?

What is verily and indeed taken and received by the Faithful in the Lord's-Supper ?

By whom are they received ?

In what do the Faithful receive the Body and Blood of Christ ?

Do none but the Faithful verily and indeed take and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Lord's-Supper ?

How do you think it is that they receive Christ's Body and Blood ?

Tell him, it is in a spiritual Sense, as Food to the Soul, not to the Body ; that by Faith they partake of the Benefits of them, and that our Lord calls eating his Body and drinking his Blood : Christ's Body and Blood is that to the Soul, which Bread and Wine is to the Body.

Q. *What are the Benefits whereof we are Partakers thereby ?*

What are strengthned and refreshed ?

By what are our Souls strengthned and refreshed ?

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Can you tell what is meant by being strengthned ?

Inform them that it is being made strong, and able to overcome the Devil and Temptation, for Christ dwells in us by his Grace and Spirit, which holds us up, and encreases us in Godliness.

What then is being refreshed ?

Ans. It is comforted and cheer'd up with lively Hopes of God's Mercy, and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now by what do you say we are Partakers of these Benefits ?

What Part of us is strengthned and refreshed ?

Q. What is required of them that come to the Lord's-Supper ?

Who are required to examine themselves ?

What must they examine ?

Why must they examine whether they repent ?

Tell them the Necessity of Repentance to make us worthy at the Lord's-Table.

What must they purpose ?

Why must they purpose to lead a new Life ?

Tell them what a necessary Part of Repentance such a Resolution is, which if it be not complear, we shall not be capable of receiving the Grace and Pardon promis'd in that Sacrament.

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What is the next Thing to be examined ?

In what must we have a lively Faith ?

Can you tell what a lively Faith is ?

They may be inform'd, that it is to have a firm Perswasion that as we really eat Bread and drink Wine, so we shall at the same time receive the full Pardon of our Sins, by the Means of Christ's Body and Blood then communicated to us, and withal the Grace and Strength of God's Spirit.

What must be thankfully remembered in the Lord's-Supper ?

Is it not said to have been ordained for that purpose ?

Why is Christ's Death to be thankfully remembered ?

Let them know it was by that we were reconciled to God and put into a State of Salvation ; and therefore it deserves highly to be remembered for such inestimable Benefits.

What is the last Thing to be examined ?

What is being in Charity ?

Tell them we are not to have any Grudge, Malice, or Hatred against any Person at any time, much more then must we forgive one another, and be reconciled.

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